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INDO-EAST PAKISTAN BORDER INCIDENT

West Bengal Police Party Disarmed And Detained

CALCUTTA PROTESTS TO DACCA AUTHORITIES

CALCUTTA, Aug 26 (A.P.I.): A West Bengal police party travelling by steamer on the Padma River was disarmed in East Bengal territory at Rajshahi and detained by the East Bengal authorities on Monday last, according to a West Bengal Government press note issued today.

The West Bengal Government have made a strong protest and requested the release of the detained persons

GOVERNMENT VERSION

The West Bengal Government press note says

"The West Bengal Government launch "Pomfret" stationed in Murshidabad District ran aground on Char Dumuria in the Padma River on 18th August All local attempts to refloat it having failed, a police guard was placed on the launch and a ship surveyor was sent from Calcutta to arrange salvage operations The surveyor reached Lalgola Ghat on the morning of the 23rd August and requisitioned the steamer "Ava" for the purpose of taking him to the grounded launch and carrying out the salvage operations A police guard of one head constable and 11 constables was leaving Lalgola at about the same time by boat to relieve the old guard on the "Pomfret" As the steamer "Ava" was proceeding to the same spot, the police guard went by the steamer instead of by country boat. One sub-inspector of the land customs office at Lalgola also accompanied the ship surveyor When the "Ava" reached a point on the river along the normal steamer route opposite to Premtoli on the Rajshahi bank, a Pakistan launch with a force of Pakistan armed police on board stopped the "Ava" and took her to Premtoli with the men on board who offered no resistance as the place was within East Bengal territory The District Magistrate and S P of Rajshahi later arrived at Premtoli by launch and thereafter the "Ava" was taken to Rajshahi. There the West Bengal police party, which had already been disarmed were detained The ship surveyor was allowed to return to Calcutta by train. The West Bengal Government have lodged a strong protest with the East Bengal Government against the illegal detention

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GENERAL AS ADVISER

Kashmir Commission's S.O.S. To Lie

NEW DELHI, Aug 26 (UPI) The United Nations Commission on Kashmir has sent a telegram to the Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, at Lake Success, stressing the urgency of the need for appointment of a military adviser, of the rank of a General, to serve with the Commission.

The Commission has also reiterated its request that the Secretary-General should be ready to name, on short notice, military observers for Kashmir. These military observers were first requested by the Commission in a telegram to Lake Success on August 10.

The Commission at its meeting today considered the question of sending several alternate delegates to Srinagar next week to start a political and economic survey of the state of Jammu and Kashmir Monday was set as a tentative day for the departure of the alternate delegates to Srinagar. They will be accompanied by some members of the Comission's Secretariat.

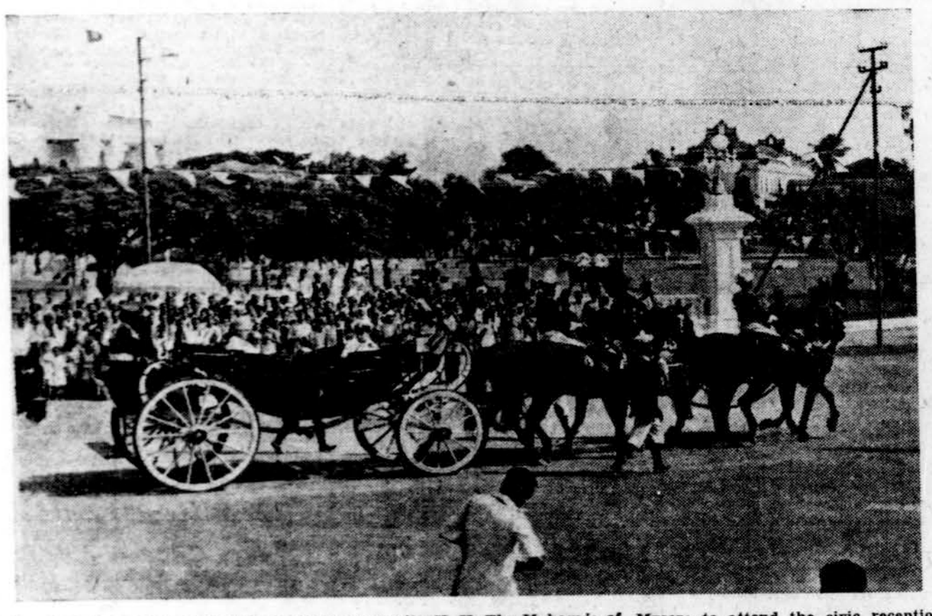
The Commission will meet again on Friday at 10 a.m.

ENEMY'S WIRELESS ATTACKED

NEW DELHI, August 26 (A.P.I.): Fighter pilots of the Royal Indian air force attacked enemy's wireless installation, ammunition dumps and military objectives in Gilgit for a second time on August 24, the Defence Ministry reported today.

This enemy-held base, about a hundred and fifty miles to the north west of the Kashmir Valley, is the main reinforcement base for the enemy's operations in the Ladkh valley, Gurez and Zojila pass areas.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN BANGALORE



H. E. C. Rajagopalachari driving in State along with H. H. The Maharaja of Mysore to attend the civic reception of the Mysore City Municipal Council.

Armed 'Red' Demonstrators Storm Berlin City Hall

PROTEST AGAINST 'PRO-WESTERN' RULE

Three-Power Plan To Approach Kremlin For New Meeting!

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter): Communist-led demonstrators armed with axes stormed Berlin City Hall today to protest against "pro-western" city rule, while in Moscow the three Western envoys prepared for a new Kremlin meeting which might end Germany's 'cold war'.

Another Kremlin meeting is likely tomorrow or Saturday, Reuter's Moscow correspondent stated, but whether it will be only with M. Molotov or also with Marshal Stalin is still unknown.

Well-informed London quarters stated that Marshal Stalin and the envoys reached general agreement during their conference on Monday night, about currency reform in Berlin, but another Kremlin meeting was needed to work out details.

If this meeting was successful, the "Big Four" were expected to instruct their military Governors in Germany to start on-the-spot negotiations.

LONDON MEETING ON KREMLIN TALKS

British Foreign Minister Earnest Bevin this afternoon presided in London over a specially-called British Cabinet meeting, expected to consider latest reports on the Kremlin talks.

Earlier, Mr. Bevin conferred with Premier Clement Attlee who is in hospital under treatment for eczema.

MAIN DOOR SMASHED

In Berlin a crowd of 10,000 cheered wildly and sang the "Internationale" when 200 demonstrators smashed down the main door of the City Hall—in the Soviet sector—after the threat of disorders had caused the City Assembly to call off its meeting.

The demonstrators sent a delegation to Dr. Frederick Freidensburg, Christian Democrat acting Mayor, to call for immediate application of the Communist—led Socialist Unity Party's emergency programme—which would cut out the air bridge.

Dr. Freidensburg, whose office is in the City Hall, said later that the City Administration would remain in office despite the demonstration. It has a Social Democrat majority.

His talk with the Socialist Unity Delegation was "calm" and City Elders were meeting tonight to decide when and where the next City Assembly should be held he added.

COUNTER-DEMONSTRATIONS

As the Communist demonstrators were dispersing tonight, anti-Communist Berliners began streaming towards the "Republic Square" in the British Sector, for a counter-demonstration called by the three "Pro-Western" parties.

Loud speakers had been set up on the Square, which lies in front of the ruins of the Reichstag, and only a hundred yards from the Brandenburg Gate, marking the entrance to the Russian Sector.

The crowds mostly made their way to the meeting place singly or in small groups, and there was no sign of any banners or organised marching columns, which had been a prominent feature of the Communist demonstration.

THREE ENVOYS MEET

The three Western envoys in Moscow, Mr. Frank Roberts (Britain), General Walter Bedell Smith (United States) and M. Yves Chataigneau (France) met at short notice at the British Embassy today.

The meeting, which lasted neary 90 minutes, was also attended by Mr. Geoffrey Harrison British Minister, and Mr. Foy Kohler, American counsellor.

Moscow observers believed the Conference was to discuss new instructions received after Monday's Conference with Marshal Stalin and that the envoys would shortly approach the Kremlin for a new meeting—this time with Foreign Minister Molotov.

The possibility of the Conference being with both M. Molotov and Marshal Stalin was not ruled out, however observers thought the meeting more likely tomorrow than today.

CURRENCY REFORM TALKS

The French Foreign Office denied tonight that General Jean Ganeval, French Commandant in Berlin, had made the statement attributed to him that the four military Governors in Germany would meet for Currency Reform talks as a result of the Moscow negotiations.

MILITARY GOVERNORS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Plans for a conference of the four Military Governors in Berlin to discuss the Berlin Currency question must depend on a further meeting in Moscow between the Soviet Foreign Minister M. Vyacheslav Molotov and the three Western Envoys, and are not yet complete, it was believed in well-informed uarters here, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

STALIN-TITO SHOWDOWN?

LONDON, Aug. 26 (UPA)—Western diplomats predicted today that a showdown between Russia's Josef Stalin and Yugoslavia's Marshal Josif Tito is near.

The split within the Cominform is widening. Tito is accusing Rumanian Foreign Minister Anna Puker of trying to overthrow his Government.

The revolt against Tito by Yugoslavs, slow in getting started, is increasing too.

RAJAJI AT NAGPUR

Call To Congress Workers

NAGPUR, August 26. (U.P.I.): His Excellency Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, Governor-General of India accompanied by his personal staff, arrived here by specially chartered plane from Madras at twelve noon to-day.

On alighting from the plane at the Sonegaon Civil Aerodrome. His Excellency was received by H. E. Mr. Mangaldas Pakwasa, Governor, and Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla, Premier of C.P. and Berar.

Addressing a gathering of over four hundred Congress workers of the province to-day, the Governor-General of India Mr. C. Rajagopalachari said: "we must use our freedom carefully. We must let the grain-seeds of freedom grow."

The meeting, which was held at Government House, was also attended by the ministers of the Central Provinces Government.

An impassioned plea for hard work, character, honesty and straighforwardness was made by Governor-General speaking at a record gathering of students at the Laxminrin technological institute.

CONGRESS SESSION

Site To Be Converted Into Refugee Colony

NEW DELHI, Aug. 26 (API): The next session of the Indian National Congress will be held at Jaipur in the second week of December 1948, it was announced by the Congress Secretariat today.

The Congress President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, has fixed the following dates for the open session as well as the Subject Committee's meeting:—

Subjects Committee: December 9 and 10.

Open Session: December 11, 12 and 13.

NEW DELHI, August 23. (A.P.I.): The site of the next plenary session of the Indian National Congress at Jaipur, it is understood, will be converted into a refugee colony. The organizers of the session are considering a proposal to construct such hutments for the delegates and visitors as could permanently house refugees after the conclusion of the session.

Arrangements will be made to accommodate nearly two lakh persons.

Thirty-five thousand delegates are expected to attend the Congress session.

Sheikh Abdullah Leaves For Delhi

BOMBAY, Thursday.

After a busy programme of two days Sheikh Abdulla left this morning at 8 a.m. by air for Delhi. He will stay at Delhi for a day and leave tomorrow for Srinagar.

BATTLE FOR CITY OF BOMBAY

Citizens' Meeting Demands Separate Province

MAHARASHTRA'S CLAIM CHARACTERISED AS "UNREASONABLE AND UNTENABLE"

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A plea to postpone the agitation for the linguistic redistribution of Provinces and to concentrate on more pressing and urgent problems of national reconstruction was made by several speakers at a meeting held in Bombay this evening.

The meeting which was convened at the instance of prominent citizens of the city from every walk of life to consider the re-distribution of provinces and the future of Bombay city in any such territorial set up, was presided over by Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas.

Sir Purshottamdas emphatically declared that any further division of India, without the country attaining political and economic stability, would be a great disservice to the national cause. "It is most inopportune to take up this issue at this critical juncture, when many other vital problems demand the concentrated attention of every freedom-loving citizen", he remarked.

PURSHOTTAMDAS' ARGUMENT

Viewing dispassionately the agitation for the incorporation of Bombay city in the proposed Maharashtra Province, he said that the city has attained its present position of pre-eminence as a result of the labours of a cosmopolitan population, including Maharashtrains, Gujaratis, Parsis etc. "Bombay is recognised as the one place which is recognised as the most cosmopolitan city in India". Therefore, he said, the demand for its inclusion in Maharashtra was most far-fetched.

Mr. Ramdas Kilachand moved a resolution which stated that "in the wider interests of the country and with a view to the consolidation of its political and economic progress and ensuring greater administrative economy and efficiency, it is desirable to postpone consideration of all issues relating to the setting up of new provinces or the re-distribution of boundaries of existing ones till sufficient experience of the working of the new Constitution has been obtained".

Mr. Ramdas Kilachand said that in India there was only one culture and to say that there were many was not true.

"We are adopting one language, one national song and there should be only one province in the country and that should be India", he asserted.

Condemning what he called "fissiparious tendencies" manifesting themselves in the country, he appealed for the consolidation of the nation first and urged all to act as Indians to achieve this end.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, seconding the resolution, appealed to the audience to make a realistic approach to this issue and said that it was not fair on their part to put further obstacles in the way of the Government when they already faced with urgent and complex problems of inflation, food etc. Personally he did not agree to the regrouping of Provinces on any basis, either communal or linguistic.

The meeting, unanimously adopted the resolution which was supported by Mr. Purshottamdas Tricumdas.

PLEA FOR SEPARATE PROVINCE

The meeting demanded that Bombay with its port and suburbs should be

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RETRENCHMENT AT CENTRE

Deshmukh Meets Premier And Finance Minister

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Aug. 26.

Sir Chintaman Deshmukh, Governor of Reserve Bank is here discussing the economic crisis with the Prime Minister and Finance Minister.

The postponement of the non-official resolution is a pointer that the Government's mind would be made by the time Parliament discusses the issue next week. The Finance Minister meanwhile has issued a stern warning against fresh expenditure by Ministries or creation of even temporary appointments. The Finance Minister is also examining the interim report of the Economy Committee in order to give effect to its recommendations. The Economy Committee, it is learned, has fixed the respective strength of the various Ministries, the cases of which have been so far examined by it and has recommended the retrenchment of surplus staff. It has also urged that the Ministries of Education, Health, Labour and Agriculture should confine their activities as permitted by the Government of India Act and any extra-territorial activity should be closed down forthwith.

Particularly reference in this regard has been made of the Grow More Food Campaign the Employment Exchanges and encroachments by the Education and Health Ministries on provincial fields of activity. The Finance Ministry's present slogan appears to be that All Avoidable Expenditure should be postponed.

BHANSALI ON FAST FOR 18 DAYS

Will Meet Rajaji At Sevagram Today

WARDHA, August 26. (U.P.I.): Prof. Bhansali who has entered the 18th day of his fast to-day, undertaken as a protest against the atrocities perpetrated by the Razakars in and outside Hyderabad State, is leaving for Sevagram Ashram to-morrow morning to meet His Excellency Sri C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, who is reaching Sevagram to-morrow morning.

The Doctors attending on Prof. Bhansali in the course of a health bulletin say that Prof. Bhansali is feeling a peculiar sinking sensation since the last two days.

Britain Suspends Money Orders To Hyderabad

NIZAM'S POLICE IN TWO-HOUR BATTLE WITH INDIAN PARTY

LONDON, AUG. 26 (UPI): THE BRITISH POST OFFICES HAVE SUSPENDED MONEY ORDERS AND CASH ON DELIVERY SERVICES TO THE HYDERABAD STATE, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL TODAY.

TWO-HOUR BATTLE WITH NIZAM'S POLICE

BEZWADA, Aug. 26 (API): An exchange of fire for nearly two hours between the Nizam's police and the Union Police is reported to have occurred today at Krishnaraopalem, a Union village on the Krishna-Hyderabad border No casualties have however been reported.

It is stated that the Nizam's police opened fire from Venkatapuram, Nizam's village, which the Union police retaliated.

The Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Northern Range, has proceeded to the place of occurrence

VILLAGE DECLARES INDEPENDENCE

Hyderabad State Congress Volunteers engaged an armed horde of Razakars in severe fighting on August 20 in village Venkatapuram, in Madhira Taluq of the Hyderabad State territory and routed them finally

The volunteers have since declared the village independent of the Nizam's. It was reported here today

RAZAKAR RAIDER KILLED

SHOLAPUR, Aug 26 (API): A gang of about 25 Razakars, who after infiltrating into the village of Koregaon in Barsi Taluka, bordering on the Hyderabad State territory tried to carry away 20 cattle heads on Tuesday afternoon, were engaged by the village defence police party and were forced to retreat. One Razakar, it is stated was killed in the fighting.

BOXES OF MACHINEGUN BOLTS SEIZED

POONA, Aug 26 (API) The railway police continuing their vigilance activities recovered recently 8 boxes containing machinegun bolts which were found lying along the railway track outside Bala station, near Sholapur

The railway police have also seized from Hyderabad-bound passengers gold ornaments and machine spare parts valued at about Rs 5,000 and 1,200 lbs. of cloth.

During last week the railway police arrested at various places 10 persons suspected of anti-Indian activities

NIZAM'S PALACE REQUISITIONED

CALCUTTA, Aug 26 (API): 'Babe Palace', the Calcutta residence of H E H. the Nizam of Hyderabad has been requisitioned by the Government of West Bengal, and a notice to this effect was served today on the Agent in charge of the Nizam's properties in Calcutta.

It is learnt that this step has been taken in order to find additional accommodation for Government offices and residential quarters for high ranking officers.

Situated on extensive grounds in Lower Circular Road, the palace is a three-storied building, each storey having about 10,000 square feet of floor space It had also been requisitioned by the Government of India during the last war.

39 ARRESTED IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Aug. 26 (API): Thirty persons have been arrested in Delhi so far in connection with anti-Indian Union activities by the Delhi Police.

The arrested persons include Muslims who visited India after securing permits from the Indian High Commissioner in Pakistan.

Heroine Who Killed Ten Razakars

SHOLAPUR, Aug. 26 (UPI): A woman named Sharda has fought seven battles in Hyderabad and killed ten Razakars till now, says a report received here.

It is stated that Sharda enlisted her name in a guerilla band after her father and husband were killed by Razakars. She was arrested twice, but she rescued herself every time.

Recently, she took part in a pitched battle fought continuously for two days at Tondaichira in Bidar District between bands of guerilla and the Nizam's police, and fell in the hands of the enemy. She has been lodged in Bidar Central Jail and is being subjected to inhuman treatment.

NIZAM'S SPIES IN KHADI

About 4,000 volunteers dressed in Khadi and equipped with arms have been sent by the Nizam's Government to the Indian Union territory for espionage, it is learned.

Congress Party Decision On Hindu Code Bill

FULL CONSIDERATION AT NEXT SESSION

NEW DELHI, Aug. 26 (API): The Congress Party in the Dominion Parliament today decided that "the motion for consideration of the Hindu Code Bill as reported by the Select Committee may be formally taken into consideration and further consideration may be deferred to the next session".

This means that the Bill will not be passed during the current session originally scheduled but will be carried forward to the next session. This decision was arrived at after a two-hour meeting of the party held under the chairmanship of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and attended by the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Law Minister, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Mr. Mohan Lal Saksena, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram and Mr. Jag Jivan Ram and about 90 members.

A Press Note issued at the end of the meeting says: "The Congress Party in the Dominion Parliament met this evening under the presidentship of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Leader of the Party, to consider the Hindu Code Bill. It was felt that in view of the few working days available in this session and the importance of the Bill which would necessitate lengthy discussions, it was not possible to give full consideration to the Bill during this session. It was, therefore, decided that the motion for consideration of the Bill as reported by the Select Committee may be formally taken into consideration, and further consideration may be deferred to the next session. This will incidentally give further opportunities to the public to acquaint themselves with the provisions of the Bill".

K.P. Khadilkar Passes Away

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Death took place today at 12-30 a.m. of Mr. K. P. Khadilkar, the founder and former editor of "Nava Kal" at his residence at the age of 75.

The funeral will start tomorrow at 8-30 a.m. from the "Nava Kal" office in Kandewadi.

The late Mr. Khadilkar was a close associate of Lokmanya Tilak and was for some time editor of "The Kesari" during the latter's incarceration. A versatile playwright and a front-rank politician, he made "Nava Kal" a success. In 1928, he was sentenced to 1 year's rigorous imprisonment under Section 124-A for an article in the "Nava Kal". He was a close associate of Gandhiji and threw himself heart and soul in the non-co-operation movement.

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S. R. DONGERKERY,
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Bombay, 21st August, 1948.

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2. To elect Directors in place of the following who retire from office by rotation or otherwise.
   (1) Ranbir Singh Esqr., B.A. (Cantab)
   (2) Bulakhidas Narandas Parikh Esqr.,
   (3) M. D. Solanki, Esqr.,
3. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.
4. A notice from a Shareholder has been received by the Company proposing M/S M.M. Chokshi and Co., Baroda, as auditors of the Company for the current year.
5. To transact any other business that the Chairman may put before the meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 1st September, 1948 to 14th September, 1948 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board,
DANI KANAKIA & CO. LTD.
J. M. DANI
Managing Director,
Managing Agents

Baroda, 9-8-48.

NOTE:—If dividend as recommended by the Directors is passed at the meeting it will be paid to those Shareholders whose names are on the Company's Register on the 14th September, 1948. The payments will be made on and after 1st October, 1948.

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NOTICE

WANTED for the Office of the Commandant, Home Guards—Greater Bombay, a junior clerk to fill a temporary vacancy.

(a) Pay Rs. 75-5-140-6-200 plus D. A.

(b) Minimum educational qualification —matric of Bombay or other recognised University and any other equivalent qualification.

(c) Age—not more than 25 years.

Candidates should send their applications written in their own handwriting accompanied by copies of certificates of good character from two respectable gentlemen, to the undersigned to reach not later than Monday the 30th August, 1948.

M. J. B. MANECKJI
Commandant
Home Guards —Greater Bombay.

AF(I) Bldg.,
Mahatma Gandhi Rd.,
Dhobitalao,
BOMBAY: 24th August, 1948

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DISTRIBUTION OF PIG IRON

Bombay Province.

LAST DATE of receiving applications for allotment of Pig Iron during the Period I-49 from Foundries through the Provincial Government has been fixed as the 15th October, 1948 by the Director General, Industries and Supplies, New Delhi.

Foundries desiring release of Pig Iron in this Province should submit applications for Period I-49 so as to reach this office by 20th September 1948, for onward transmission to the Sponsoring Authorities concerned as usual. One copy of the application may be sent direct to the Development Officer (Mech.) Pig Iron Group, D.G.I & S., New Delhi.

No application received after the prescribed date will be considered.

J. J. PATEL,
Provincial Iron and Steel Rationing Officer.

Military Hutments,
Esplanade Maidan, Bombay.
24-8-48. 1187

G.I.P. RLY—TENDERS

THE DY. GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 1 p.m. on 4-9-48 for the supply of Ghee at the Railway Godowns on the Poona Division. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office or from the Asstt. Controller Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway at Poona.

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G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DY GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 9-9-48 for the supply of Coffee Seeds at the Railway's Central Godown at Shed No. 3 Wadi Bunder. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office (1195)

G.I.P. RAILWAY-TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for the purchase of Non-ferrous scrap available for disposal at the Mechanical Stores Depot, 'Mechanical' Shops, Parel, Bombay. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2|- per copy, not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date 29-9-1948.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

THE APOLLO MILLS LIMITED

APPLICATION has been received by the Directors of this Company to issue duplicate of the share certificates for 300 shares Nos. 2392076/175 standing in the name of Mr. Narain Dass Jaggi of Rawalpindi Nos. 1184701/800 standing in the name of The Jupitor Investment Trust Ltd., of Lahore and Nos. 682801/900 standing in the joint names of Sophia Victoria Braganza and Leopold Scholasticus Braganza of Bombay upon the statement that the original certificates have been lost. And notice is hereby given that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original certificates is made to the said Directors at the Registered Office of the Company situated at Delisle Road, Chinchpokli, Bombay 11, they will then proceed to deal with such application for issue of duplicate of the share certificates.

Bombay, Dated 25th August 1948
J. C. PANDYA
Secretary.

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NOTICE

DUE TO THE SHIFTING of the offices from Lahore to Karachi, the records have been misplaced thereby we are experiencing lot of difficulties in issuing Loans and making refunds and issuing Loan Certificates. All constituents are requested to put in their fresh claims for the same as we hope to complete the entire work within six months or latest within a year.

Satty Sharma, Sole Proprietor. The International Traders and The British Chamber of Trade, Elphinstone Circle Karachi-3.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. MANEKLAL PURSHOTUM SETH and Mr. PRANLAL MANEKLAL SETH have contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property:—

All persons having any claim to the said property by way of inheritance, gift, lease, lien, maintenance, mortgage, charge, sale, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at Readymoney Mansion, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof. All other claims if any which are not so received will be considered as null void and waived and the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY REFERRED TO ABOVE:—

ALL THAT piece of Pension and Tax tenure land or ground (cess redeemed) with dwelling house thereon situate at Charni Road in the City and registration subdistrict of Bombay, admeasuring 165 square yards or thereabouts registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 146, New No. 1337, O.S. Nos. 145-146 N. S. No. 18039 C.S. No. 1471 Girgaum Division and Municipal D Ward No. 1180 and 1181, Old Street No. 45-47, New Street Nos. 265-267 and 2 and bounded, on the East by public passage, on the West by Charni Road, on the North by public Passage and beyond it by the property of Khatao Makanji and on the South by the property of H. M. Bhiwandiwalla

Dated this 24th day of August 1948.

KANGA & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of Bai SONABAI VASUDEO MANKAR, late of Bombay Hindu inhabitant, residing at the time of her death at Ram Bhuvan 211A, Deodhar Street, Matunga without the Fort of Bombay ... ... Deceased.

SHAMRAO VINAYAK RANE, of Bombay the Executor of the Will of the said deceased Hindu inhabitant, residing at Ram Bhuvan 211A, Deodhar Street, Matunga, without the Fort of Bombay ... Petitioner

All persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit, before the Grant of Probate.

(Sd.) K. K. DASTUR,
Prothonotary &
Senior Master.
SHAMRAO VINAYAK RANE
Petitioner in person

(1208)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF 75 pcs of Pure Grey Nylon of Sadhana Mill Total 3761¼ Yds size 42"/43" on Friday, 27th Inst. at 3 P.M. (S.T.) at Ganeshwadi, near Ganpati Temple M. J. Market, under instructions from Sheth Manordas Kalidas and on a/c and at risk of Sheth Bhojraj Ratumal (Silk Bazarwala) defaulting purchaser.

Terms: 25 p.c. Cash deposit.

GANDHI & CO.

Water Supply May Be Cut By 10 P. C.

BOMBAY, Thursday.—A ten per cent cut in the supply of water to Bombay was foreshadowed today with rainfall in the catchment areas of the Tansa, Vehar and Tulsi lakes becoming sparser and sparser.

The Municipality is said to hold the view that a cut will be inevitable if no substantial rain fell in the next ten days, raising the present Tansa level of 412.38 feet by at least 3 feet. A rise of 10 feet will be needed for the lake to overflow.

Only 54.77 inches of rain have been recorded in Tansa, the biggest of the reservoirs, from June 1 and there will have to be from 40 to 45 inches of rainfall more before the annual quota is attained for the lake.

With the lengthening of the dry spell over the lakes—Tansa recorded only two cents and Vehar five cents in the last 24 hours—the Municipality feels that it would be forced to conserve the city's water supply to safeguard against any emergencies.

Mr. K. B. Carnac, the Hydraulic Engineer of the Municipality, left for a visit to the Tansa Lake today to study the position first-hand.

The volume of the Tansa Lake this morning was 22,000 million gallons, which is 1,000 million gallons short of the quantity registered this date last year.

The contemplated cut will affect the city's daily quota of 110 million gallons which may be reduced to 100 millions.

Bombay Tailors Contribute To Gandhi-Memorial Fund

The Merchant Tailors and Outfitters' Association of Bombay at their meeting held on 24th August, 1948 has decided to contribute Rs. 500 towards Gandhiji's Memorial Fund. The resolution was moved by Mr. Haji Jaffer Vanjara of Tropical Tailors and was passed unanimously.

BLACK MARKET IN CLOTH TO BE PREVENTED

Bombay Government To Introduce Rigid Control Over Purchase And Distribution

BOMBAY, August 26 (A.P.I.): Bombay's Civil Supplies Minister, Mr. Dinkerrao Desai, state today that the Province's new cloth control and distribution scheme would be framed with the primary objective of preventing the development of a black market in cloth.

He said that it was this consideration that had prompted the Government of Bombay to place the quota at 24 yards per capita in the urban areas and 18 yards in the rest of the Province, because in a cloth producing province like Bombay a lesser quota would cause dissatisfaction and lead to black marketing.

BOMBAY'S REQUIREMENTS

Although the Government of India's final allotments had not been yet announced, Mr. Desai said the Province was estimated to consume about 34 lakhs of bales per year, which worked out to between 25,000 and 28,000 bales per month. The figures were based on an estimated provincial population of two and a half crores, including the added populations of the merged Gujarat and Deccan States.

Stating that the announcement of the Government's plans would be made as soon as the Central Government had fixed prices and the Provincial cloth quotas, Mr. Desai added: "It will be the Government's aim to see that the margin over ex-mill rates in coarse and medium varieties are appreciably reduced, and that the prices are the same all over the Province. Intermediate agencies will be reduced to the barest minimum in order to prevent blackmarketing at the distribution end. There will be one wholesale agency for each of the producing areas and one for each district. The number of retail shops will also be reduced consistently with meeting the convenience of the public".

RIGID CONTROL

A rigid control would be maintained over purchase and distribution of cloth, with official checks at both the receiving and distributing ends. Government would select various types of cloth for purchase and the distributing agencies would be asked to take delivery for allocation among the retailers. Distributors and retailers would be allowed a margin over the prices fixed by the Central Government. This margin would be met by the consumer, thereby reducing the Government's expenditure on distribution to less than what it used to be during wartime control of cloth. Finally, there would be governmental supervision to ensure correct delivery and sale by the wholesale and retail agencies. These measures, Mr. Desai was confident, would make the scheme proof against blackmarket leakages.

Amendment To Bombay Municipal Act

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A Bill to amend the City of Bombay Municipal Act 1888 is published in the Bombay Government Gazette of yesterday.

The most salient feature of the Bill is to create, for the purpose of conducting the electric supply and transport undertaking, two new statutory authorities namely, a committee called the Bombay Electric Supply and Transport Committee and a General Manager.

The statement of objects of the Bill says:—

Under the terms of the licenses granted to the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Company, Limited, for operating the electric supply and tramway services in the City of Bombay and of a Deed of Concession executed by the Bombay Municipal Corporation in 1905 the Corporation have acquired the undertaking of the Company on the 7th August 1947. They have simultaneously acquired the omnibus service of the Company. It is not possible to operate these services under the existing provisions of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, like other departments of the municipal administration and the Corporation have accordingly proposed extensive amendments, and additional provisions in the Act in order to ensure the efficient conduct of the transport and electric supply services. Such of the provisions as it was considered essential to bring into operation before the 7th August 1947 were enacted by the City of Bombay Municipal (Electric Supply and Transport) Ordinance, 1947, promulgated by the Governor of Bombay on the 22nd July 1947 and continued in operation by the City of Bombay Municipal (Electric Supply and Transport) Act, 1947 This Bill for the amendment of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, includes the provisions contained in the Ordinance and Act as well as other amendments which are considered necessary.

MAKING TAMASHAS HEALTHY ENTERTAINMENT

Investigation Committee Appointed

The Government of Bombay has appointed a committee to investigate into the abuses that have crept into Tamashas and make recommendations for their improvement with a view to making them a healthy form of entertainment.

The members of the Committee are Mahamahopadhyaya Prof. D. V. Potdar (Chairman), Prof. N. R Phatak, Mr. B. V. Warerkar, Mr. G. L. Thokal and Mr. Sopandeo Chaudhari.

The office of the committee will be located at Poona at a place to be selected by the Chairman.

BETTER BASIC WAGE FOR BOMBAY SWEEPERS

Tribunal Award Fixes Rs. 35 As Against The Present Salary Of Rs. 30: Increase In Dearness Allowance By Rs. 5

BOMBAY, Thursday.

According to the Award of the Industrial Tribunal in the dispute between the Bombay Municipality and its Conservancy staff, nearly 9,700 sweepers and scavengers employed by that body will now get a basic wage in the grade of Rs. 35-1-40, as against the present grade of Rs. 30-1-35 and a dearness allowance of Rs. 31, which is Rs. 5 more than the existing allowance. The Award was published in the Bombay Government Gazette yesterday.

The award has been made effective from July, 1, 1948. Mr. Salim Merchant, who adjudicated the dispute, observed in the course of the Award that one of the considerations, which weighed with him, in fixing the operative date of the revised scale, had been the fact that the sweepers had gone on an illegal strike even after the matter had been referred to adjudication.

UNION DEMAND

The Bombay Presidency Sweepers' Union had demanded a basic wage of Rs. 40-1-50 and dearness allowance on a sliding scale as is given to textile workers.

The Adjudicator stated in the award, "In considering whether revision in the basic wage scale is necessary or not, and if so to what extent, one of the important considerations is the scale of pay, being paid for the same kind of work in other establishments of equal standard, "and applying this test he felt that the sweepers of the Bombay Municipality, should have been paid the same amount of basic wage as was being paid by the Government of Bombay to its sweepers, that is Rs. 35-1-40.

But, as the sweepers had got used to an annual increment of Re. 1, that rate had been retained, added the award. Even though a sweeper of the Port Trust got more, the same grade could not be granted as the Port Trust was a richer corporation, with more sources of revenue.

INCREASE IN DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

With regard to the demand for increased dearness allowance, the Tribunal observed, "As I have held that the sweepers have made out a case of an increase, I allow an increase of Rs. 5 in the present dearness allowance of Rs. 26 and raise it to Rs. 31 per month. This places the dearness allowance a little higher than the rate on the cost of living index number at recommended by the Pay Commission 280. I further direct that should the Government revise its scale of dearness allowance and given a higher allowance than that of Rs. 30 to its sweepers and scavengers in the city, the same should be paid by the Municipality also, retaining the present difference of Re. 1 in favour of the Municipal sweepers."

The Tribunal rejected the demand for increased House Rent allowance as such an increase in lieu of quarters did not minimise the gravity of the housing problem. The demand for a half holiday on Sunday and other public holidays was also rejected, while the accumulation of privilege leave up to 80 days was allowed.

DEMAND FOR GRAIN SHOPS

The demand for cheap grain shops was also rejected on the ground of high costs and practical difficulties.

The award said in this connection, "There is no doubt the workers get substantial benifits through obtaining grains and provisions at concessional rates. But, considering the difficulties of the Municipality and the enormous cost of such a scheme, I am afraid, I cannot award this demand."

In the matter of Superannuation, Provident Fund, Free Medical Dispensaries opportunity for defence before suspension for infringement of service rules and imposition of fines—in respect of which an agreement had been arrived at by the two parties—the award was in terms of the agreement.

The total amount a sweeper will now get will be Rs. 72.

Disappointing, Says Workers' Federation

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Expressing its opinion on the Industrial Tribunal's award in the dispute of the Bombay Municipal sweepers, the All India Municipal Workers' Federation says that the award is disappointing in every respect. The demands of the Sweepers' Union were very moderate, says the Federation. The starting salary of Rs. 35 is less than what was recommended by the Divetia Committee in 1939.

The Federation adds:—

"The Award does not give relief with regard to the Bombay allowance of Rs. 5/- and house rent allowance of Rs. 10/- as recommended in the Pay Commission.

"The award is orthodox with regard to demand of cheap grain shops. The award is also not satisfactory in granting Sunday as half holiday in addition to a weekly off."

Echo Of Award On Ford Motor Co. Workers' Dispute

RULE AGAINST MEMBER OF INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL ON EMPLOYEES' PETITION

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Desai.)

N. Bolar and another .. Petitioners.
Versus.
Diwan Bahadur D. G. Kamerkar ..... Respondent.

This was an application by two employees of the Ford Motor Co. of India Ltd., Bombay, against the respondent, a member of the Industrial Tribunal, Bombay for writs of certiorari and prohibition as well as an order under section 45 of the Specific Relief Act prohibiting the respondent from amending, modifying or varying the Award made by him on 5th May 1948.

As published in the Bombay Government Gazette of 14th May the Award directed "the company to place those clerks who started on salaries or wages below Rs. 110 in the category of intermediate clerks and those started on salaries or wages above Rs. 124 in the category of general clerks and to make point to point adjustments as at 1st January 1947."

Both the petitioners started on a salary below Rs. 110, and became entitled, by reason of the Award, to be placed in the category of intermediate clerks and to draw the monthly salary of Rs. 142/8 and Rs. 225 respectively.

After he had made and published his Award, the respondent sent a notice that the matter would be taken up for further hearing on 16th August 1948. At this further hearing the respondent intimated that there was a mistake in the Award and that he would alter it so as to read as follows:—

"I direct the Company to place those clerks who started on salaries or wages below Rs. 110——in the category of junior clerks, and those who started on salaries between Rs. 110 and Rs. 124 in the category of intermediate clerks, and those who started on salaries or wages above Rs. 124 in the category of general clerks..."

On behalf of the petitioners it was contended that the alleged mistake was not an accidental error, that the Award as published in the Gazette was an exact copy of the Award actually made by the respondent, and that the Reference having concluded the respondent had become "functus officio" and had no jurisdiction to alter the Award.

His Lordship issued a Rule to show cause why the reliefs prayed for by the petitioners should not be granted. His Lordship made the Rule returnable for argument on 13th September next, and granted interim relief prohibiting the respondent from altering the Award till then.

Mr. M. J. Mistree instructed by Messrs. Gagrat and Co., appeared for the petitioners.

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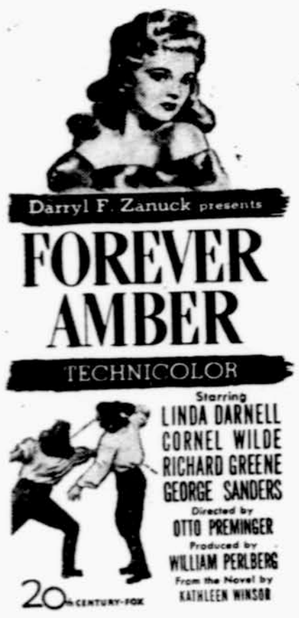

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Hightide: 04-21, 15-38
Lowtide: 09-33, 22-27
Municipal Corporation: Meeting today at 3-30 p.m.

Today's Engagements

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: Prof. D. C. Varma will deliver a lecture on "The Human Machine and how to tune it" at the Besant Hall of the Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty today at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.).

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Jehangir Wadia Bldg. Flora Fountain. Public Study Class on the subject of 'Cycles' 6-15 p.m. to-day.

SRI THYAGARAJA SABHA: (Matunga) Gokulashtami Celebration—To-day 8 p.m. Bhajan—9 p.m. Music Concert—Sri N. S. Viswanathan—Vocal, Sri K. P. Ramakrishnan—Violin Sri K. V. Subramanyam—Mridangam. Sabha Premises.

THE NEW CITIZEN BANK OF INDIA EMPLOYEES UNION: Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta will address the staff of the New Citizen Bank of India Ltd., on "Trade Unionism" today at 6-30 p.m. at Cama Hall.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LTD: The Manager of the Bank, Bombay writes: "We have to advise that we have received a telegram from our London Office intimating that the Board of Directors have declared an Interim Dividend for the Half Year ended 30th June 1948 on all shares at 5 per cent less Income Tax".

GAUDIYA MISSION: Annual Krishna Jayanti and Sri Nandotrava will be celebrated at the premises of the math, Culliandas Building, Gowalia Tank Road, under the guidance of the President-Acharya of the Mission, (to-morrow) Saturday and Sunday.

CONOLLY TO CALL ON KHER TODAY

BOMBAY, Aug. 26 (A.P.I.): Admiral P. L. Conolly, Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Naval forces in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean who heads the American naval mission now in Bombay, will call on Bombay's Premier, Mr. B. G. Kher, tomorrow, August 27, at 11 a.m. at Mr. Kher's residence at Malabar Hill (and not at the secretariat).

VISIT TO GUN HOUSE

He will give a courtsey visit to the Gun-House, Colaba, the residence of Maj-Gen. D. S. Brar, G.O.C. of Bombay Area.

GOVERNMENT'S HELP TO HOUSING SOCIETIES

Terms Of Loan Modified

In the rules prescribed by the Government of Bombay for the grant of assistance to the Co-operative Housing Societies and private individuals, announced some time ago, it was mentioned, among other things, that Co-operative Housing Societies constructing tenements consisting of two living rooms and a kitchen (with other amenities) would be eligible for loans to the extent of 75% of the value of land and buildings in the case of tenant Co-partnership Societies, and to the extent of 60% in the case of other Societies. The Government has now decided that for the purpose of becoming eligible for financial assistance in this connection, the total carpet area of the two rooms and a kitchen (exclusive of other amenities) should not exceed 450 square feet.

Anti-Inflation Day

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Socialist Party (Bombay), have organised the Anti-Inflation Day, to be observed on Sunday 29th, August.

An important item on the agenda of the day's programme is a procession scheduled to start from Kamgar Maidan at 3-30. The procession will traverse various localities and culminate in a mass rally at Azad Maidan in the evening.

Momin Leader In City

BOMBAY, August 26 (A.P.I.): Mr. Abdul Qayum Ansari, President of the All-India Momin Conference, arrived in Bombay by air today.

During his one-week stay here Mr. Ansari, will visit some Momin centres. Mr. Ansari, who is minister for Public Works and Industries of Bihar, will also study the working of certain cottage industries of the province.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Admiral Richard Lansing Conolly, USN, Commander Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleet, will meet members of the press at 4-30 p.m. today (Friday) aboard the USS Toledo.

Admiral Conolly asks that the press bear in mind that he is visiting Bombay in his capacity as a naval commander, and that therefore political quuestions are not within the purview of a press conference of this nature. Admission is by passes.

SOUTH KANARA KRISHIKA SANGHA (BOMBAY): Under the presidentship of Swami Murghananda, Editor, "Bharath Vibhuti", this Sanga met on 22nd August and passed resolutions requesting the Government of Madras to enact the Tenancy Bill and enforce it in South Kanara.

WEATHER

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, Aug. 26. (A.P.I.) Following is the daily weather summary for Thursday, the 26th August 1948.

There has been well-distributed rainfall over the region from Malabar and the South Konkan to Gangetic West Bengal and the southern districts of the East United Provinces. Rainfall has also been widespread in Assam and in and near the west United Provinces hills.

Forecast valid until the evening of 27th: Rainfall will increase in Assam, the East United Provinces and the East Punjab. Widespread rain will occur in Assam, the north Central Provinces, Central India and the west coast of the Peninsula. There will be local showers elsewhere outside Orissa, Bihar, Rajputana, Gujarat, the South Deccan and the North Madras coast where scattered light showers are expected. Heavy rainfall warning: Isolated heavy falls of rain may occur in Assam, the north Central Provinces and Central India during the next 48 hours.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, Aug. 26. (A.P.I.) Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from 25th August 1948 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (IST) on 26th August 1948.

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Radio

BOMBAY, (Friday). Aug. 27.
244 metres (1,231 kc/s).

7-30 a.m. Sheikh Ahmed Qawwal and Party 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Master Ibrahim 8-45 Sheikh Ahmed Qawwal and Party 9-0 Serene Doctor 12-0 pm. Mahila Mandal 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Jaisa 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch Hour 4-30 School Broadcasts 5-0 Sitar Par Bhimpalas 5-15 Jantar Mantar 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Chandrabai Jamboilkar 6-30 Serene Doctor 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Vasantrao Gat (Vocal Music) 7-30 Bharatiya Sahitya 7-45 "Tuza Ni Maza Jamena" 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Master Ibrahim 8-45 For The Universities 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 BBC News Relay 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Master Ibrahim 10-0 Shivkumar Shukla.

VARIATIONS
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s.)
7-40 a.m. Naat Aur Qawwali 5-45 Vasantrao Gat 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners.
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
7-45 Commercial News 8-0 Shankarlal Bhatt 8-15 Bhaskerrao Amembal 9-0 Shivkumar Shukla 10-0 Kenny Baker 10-15 Ken Mac's Band.

BRELVI'S BROAD CAST: Today (Friday) at 8-45 p.m. All India Radio Bombay will broadcast a talk on "Struggle for Indian Independence" in English by S. A. Brelvi. This can be heard on 244 and 61.48 metres.

Week's Film Fare

SAGA OF AMERICAN LIFE

"Cass Timberlane" Comes To Metro

"Cass Timberlane" Sinclair Lewis' absorbing story of a conservative judge who fights to save his marriage with a younger wife, has been brought to the screen with fidelity and resourcefulness, and with Spencer Tracy, Lana Turner and Zachary Scott as its trio of principals it emerges as a photoplay of compelling excitement and dramatic integrity.

The thousands who were held spellbound by this best-seller novel will not be disappointed in the M.G.M. film version now being shown at the Metro Theatre, for producer Arthur Hornblow, Jr. has retained the full flavour of the original, with the fluidity of the camera only adding greater scope and pictorial interest.

It is difficult to conceive of anyone except Spencer Tracy playing the role of the thoughtful, honor-bound "Cass", whose steadfast but monotonous career as a mid-western judge is given an abrupt dramatic turn when young and vivacious Jinny Marshland enters his life.

Similarly, so effectively does Lana Turner fit into the pattern of this girl from the "wrong side of the tracks" who marries the dignified older man, finds herself nemmed in by the smugness and hypocrisy of smalltown society, and turns to another man in an attempt to achieve her freedom, that it would almost seem that Author Lewis had Miss Turner in mind when he wrote his absorbing saga of American life.

The suavely menacing Zachary Scott plays the role of Bradd Criley, the smooth man-about-town who is responsible for Jinny Marshland's near heartbreak, and he adds another outstanding portrait to a gallery of superb acting portrayals.

The story moves from its opening sequences of a typical courtroom day in the life of Judge Timberlane to mounting excitement in his courtship of the colourful and temperamental Jinny, the clashes and reconciliations of their married life, the death of the baby that might have held them together and Jinny's ultimate decision to run away with the dashing and perauasive Bradd, and reaches its culminative pitch in the dramatic antomobile accident which finally brings Jinny back to the judge who finds life without her unbearable.

"Cass Timberlane" belongs primarily to Spencer Tracy, Miss Turner and Zachary Scott, but the trio of stars is given splendid support by such reliable performers as Tom Drake, cast as a cynical wastrel, Mary Astor as the vulgar social arbiter, Albert Dekker as the unscrupulous utilities big-shot, Margaret Lindsay, Rose Hobart, John Litel, Mona Barrie Josephine Hutchinson and Selena Royle.

Altogether, in "Cass Timberlane" you have a motion picture which rises head-and-shoulders above the average.

STRAND

2nd Week Of "The Black Swan"

Twentieth Century Fox's screen—version of Rafael Sabitini's thrilling novel "The Black Swan", starring Tyrone Power and Maureen O'Hara, stays at the STRAND for a second week's run.

PARADISE

The popular film "Tarzan Triumphs" featuring Johnny Weissmuller and Brenda Joyce will be screened at this theatre from Friday (today) to Monday next and the film "Badman's Territory" featurnng Randolph Scott and Ann Richards will be screened from Tuesday to Thursday next.

BANDRA

The picture "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" featuring Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison and George Sanders, will be shown from Saturday and Tuesday next and the picture "Living in a Big Way", featuring Gene Kelley and Marine McDonald will be shown on Wednesday and Thursday. On Saturday there will be a morning show of "Always in My Heart", featuring Walter Huston and Gloria Warren, at 10-30 a.m.

THRILL-DRAMA OF RACKETEERING

Film On Black Market At The Regal

Warner Bros.' smashing new drama, "I Became A Criminal," which was filmed in England, and which is the current attraction at the Regal Theatre, rips the curtains back on black market operations. It's tough as well as spine-chilling.

The cast is headed by Sally Gray, Trevor Howard and Griffith Jones, all familiar to American audiences, especially Howard, who scored in Noel Coward's "Brief Encounter." It is a racketeering yarn, replete with murky atmosphere of London's drab Soho, drizzly weather and clipped excitement.

Several scenes stand out for their electric effect. The funeral parlor where the 'hot' goods are handled is outstanding. Here most of the action unfolds, with the closing melee a marked high in fisticuffs. Another tense bit is the part where the escaped convict seeks refuge in the home of refined lady who calmly asks him to murder her drunken husband!

Salley Gray is featured in "I Became a Criminal" at Regal.

Throughout, a brisk pace is maintained and the London fog and rain permeates the entire brutal proceedings. Cavalcanti, in his direction, exacts a very high quality of excitement out of the drama.

Miss Gray, a statuesque English beauty, plays the gangster's girl with marked restraint which is arresting. Jones, usually associated with drawing room roles, turns to a gangster assignment here, and achieves a tough portrait. Howard injects depth and character into his part as the ex-RAF flier who is framed. A word too, for the dramatic musical score by Marius Francois Gaillard as played brilliantly by the London Symphony Orchestra.

SUNDAY MORNING SHOWS

REGAL—"The Bells of St. Mary's", featuring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman, 10 a.m.
METRO—"Cass Timberlane", starring Spencer Tracy, Lana Turner and Zachery Scott, 10 a.m.
STRAND—"The Dark Corner", with Clifton Webb, Lucille Ball, 10-30 a.m.
PARADISE—Double Programme: "Gunman from Bodie" and "Border Bandit", 10-30 a.m.
BANDRA—"To Each His Own", featuring Olivia de Havilland, 10-30 a.m.

Linda Darnell as Amber and Cornel Wilde as Bruce Carlton, the dashing cavalier, in Darryl F. Zanuck's "Forever Amber", now showing at the New Empire.

MR. G. D TAPASE

Mr. G. D. Tapase, Minister for Industries, Fisheries and Backward Classes, will leave Bombay for Lodhavade (Satara District) on Saturday, August 28, and return on Monday, August 30.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD NOMINATIONS

Khan Saheb V. B. Inamdar has been nominated as member of the District Rural Development Board, West Khandesh. Mr Shankar Kurtkoti has been nominated on the Dharwar Rural Development Board.

Spencer Tracy and Lana Turner are starred in "Cass Timberlane", screen-version of Sinclair Lewis' Saga of American Life, which is current attraction at METRO.

"FOREVER AMBER" INAUGURATES NEW EMPIRE

20th Century-Fox Masterpiece Signalises Opening Of City's New Cinema

An event of unique importance in the world of films takes place today: the inauguration of the brand new Empire Cinema with the 20th Century-Fox Masterpiece, "Forever Amber."

The New Empire is now 'new' in every sense of the word; it is completely built again from top to bottom, equipped with the latest machinery, furniture and fittings, upholstered in princely luxury and air-conditioned with the uptodate scientific system—in fact, the first modern picture-house of the post-war era in Urbs Prima in Indis.

It is in the fitness of things that the New Empire should be launched on its new career with one of the most gorgeous films of recent times, "Forever Amber", a magnificent creation by 20th Century Fox, based on Cathleen Winsor's novel, a phenomenal best-seller already read by over eighty-million people, and translated in half the world's languages.

Produced in beautiful technicolor, "Forever Amber" takes us into 17th Century England, in the Restoration days when gaiety was the keynote of life. It is the story of an ambitious country girl who sinned and schemed all her life just to collect the wealth and title that the she thought would help her get her man. Linda Darnell plays this role to perfection and the men who play with her are also great in their performance. Cornel Wilde as the dashing young hero, Richard Greene as his friend and George Sanders as the lusty gay sovereign, Charles the Second.

The London of the 1660's was practically rebuilt on the 20th Century Fox lot; Whitehall Palace, Newgate Prison, Theatre Royal and half-a-dozen landmarks of those days were faithfully recreated and conscientiously sacrificed in the scenes of the Great Fire of London.

Fierce duels, episodes of the Black Plague, romantic moments and spectacular occasions abound in "Forever Amber." It is a lavish re-enactment of history, colourful in its narration, thrilling in its action and heart-warming in its love-element.

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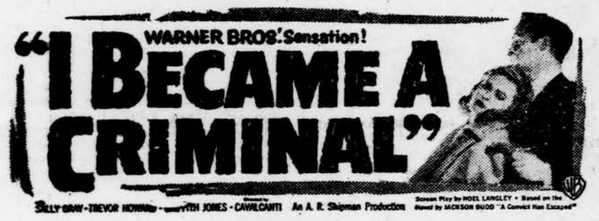
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CORPORATION VOTES FOR 'VANDE MATARAM'

Congressmen, Leaguers And Socialists Fall In Line For Bankim's Song

BOMBAY, THURSDAY.

CONGRESSMEN, MUSLIM LEAGUERS AND A GOODLY NUMBER OF SOCIALISTS — ALL VOTED IN FAVOUR OF A CONGRESS-SPONSORED RESOLUTION IN THE CORPORATION TODAY THAT THE 'VANDE MATARAM' SHOULD BE THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF INDIA AND THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY BE INFORMED ABOUT IT.

The Socialist Party treated the resolution as an "open vote" affair, and as such there was no opposition, the party members either voting for the resolution or remaining neutral.

The Muslim League party extended unanimous support to the resolution, though in an inarticulate way, no member making any contribution to the discussion.

When Mr. H J. H. Talyakhan, the mover of the resolution was halfway through, Mr. Muncherji Joshi rose on a point of order and told the president, that the subject matter of the resolution being a political nature, the Corporation's time was being wasted in discussing it.

Mr. K. F. Nariman Leader of the Congress Party, stated that he had already expressed his willingness to come to some form convention that the Corporation should discuss only civic problems. But, unfortunately, the Opposition was opposed to this.

Mr. M. Harris said that the Mayor was not empowered to rule out any discussion as political. It was better to take legal opinion on the matter and clarify the position.

The point of order was overruled.

.. PLEA FOR TAGORE'S SONG ..

Mr. Dinker Desai moved an amendment that the resolution be referred to the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee. He expressed his perfence to "Jana Gana Mana". Unlike "Vande Mataram", he said, the other song was easier to set to music. It was to be remembered that the national anthem of India had to be sung not only at "Bhajans", but even at national and international gatherings, whenever the occasion arose. That the "Vande Mataram" played a great part during Congress struggle, was no argument to have it as the national anthem. So did the Congress flag for that matter, but it had not become the flag of the nation. The Ashoka Chakra had replaced he Charka. He suggested that musical experts be consulted, and concluded by challenging Mr. Talyarkhan to sing the "Vande Mataram" satisfactorily in the Corporation Hall. The challenge was, however, accepted.

Dr. T. V. Narvane opposing the amendment said that the "Vande Mataram", was inspirational; it also reminded the listener of India's great history and traditions. It had inspired the comtry to revolt against the British, and it had also steered the country to freedom. It was eminently suited to be the song of the nation.

Mr. Velinkar, Socialist, said that the "Vande Mataram" was regarded as a sacred song. Personally he preferred the other. By forcing an issue, men like him would be compelled to vote against the song. He would hate to do it, out would be compelled to.

Mr S. S. Savlekar, who supported the amendment expressed his unequivocal partiality for the "Vande Mataram". The song had lulled him to sleep as a child; it had embodied his dreams and ideals in adolescence. It had spurred the country into action. But, it would be wrong to have a divided vote on such an important subject. So, it was wiser that members of all the parties met privately and came to an agreed conclusion, so that the vote would be unanimous.

After one or two more speakers had their say, closure was applied and the amendment put to vote. The amendment was lost, the original resolution being carried.

NO OPPORTUNE TIME TO DISCUSS ISSUE

Corporation's Reply To Linguistic Provinces Commission

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Committee appointed by the Bombay Municipal Corporation to consider the questionnaire issued by the Linguistic Provinces Commission, has made its report, it is understood.

The Committee has expressed the view that the present moment is inopportune for discussing the question. It is bound to raise acute controversies and lead to bitter feelings. Because of this the committee has suggested that the issue should be postponed for a period of ten years.

The Committee consisted of Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas, Mayor (chairman), and Messrs. Naushir Bharucha, J. A. Collaco M. Harris, Dr. T. R. Naravane, Messrs. K. F. Nariman, S. K. Patil and C. C. Shah.

Three members of the committee, however, have appended dissenting minutes.

M. Harris agrees that the time for the constitution of separate provinces is not opportune but emphasises that Bombay should form part of Maharashtra.

Dr. T. R. Naravane thinks that the postponement of the issue may lead to bitterness and wants the question to be left to the Constituent Assembly to decide.

Mr. K. F. Nariman wants the time limit of ten years to be dropped.

Belgaum Wants To Join Maharashtra

BELGAUM, August 26. (A.P.I.): The Belgaum Municipality, has decided to request the Government to incorporate Belgaum city in the proposed Maharashtra Province, as it has a large majority of Marathi-speaking population. The Municipality also decided to request the Government to incorporate Shahapur, an adjoining town in the Belgaum Municipal limits for municipal administrative purposes.

GIRL JUMPS INTO WELL, DIES

Thwarted in her love and fearful that her father would not permit her to marry the man of her choice, Jijabai Kashinath, a young working class girl of 20, is alleged to have leapt into a well and died on Wednesday.

It is stated that the girl was living with her parents at Worli. She was in love with Shankar, a young neighbour. For a long time their romance went on without a hitch.

Suddenly, it is said, the father of the girl began to take an interest in her marriage and started to look about for a suitable match. It became clear to Jijabhai that her father's conception of a suitable match would not include her lover Shankar. She felt reluctant to defy her father, on the one hand and to forego her lover on the other. She was keenly disappointed. Life, without her lover was unbearable all the same, she did not like to go against the wishes of her father. Driven to despair, she committed suicide.

STATUS OF VISWA BHARATI

SANTINIKETAN, August 25. (A.P.I.) In a statement on the proposal for making Visva-Bharati, the university founded by Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, into a Chartered University, Mr. Rathindranath Tagore, General Secretary of the Institution, says that some apprehension has been expressed that once Visva-Bharati is given a charter, it will lose its independence and uniqueness of character.

He adds: "On behalf of the Governing Body of the Visva-Bharati, I want to assure the public that we are only trying to secure a legal status for the Visva-Bharati as a university without in any way sacrificing the essential principles of the Asrama or any of its traditions."

MADRAS CORPORATION ELECTION

Tamilnad Congress Decides Not To Contest

MADRAS, August 26 (A.P.I.): The Working Committee of the Tamilnad Provincial Congress Committee decided at its meeting today not to contest the forth-coming election to the City Corporation Council to take place next month.

This will be the first time since 1935 that the Tamilnad Congress is not to set up official Congress candidates for the City Council election.

Asked whether the Tamilnad Congress would follow the same policy in regard to all Municipal Elections in the Province, Mr. Kamaraj Nadar, President of the T.N.C.C. said that they had considered only the question of the Madras Corporation for the present and that no definite policy had been evolved in respect of other Municipalities in the Province.

PEACE CONGRESS OF INTELLECTUALS

WARSAW, Aug. 25 (UPA): "The Cultural Congress of Intellectuals for Peace" opened in Wroclaw today with 600 delegates from 45 nations.

Maurice Bedell of France in one of the opening speeches declared the Congress was designed "not for exchange of opinion but to undertake action for preservation of peace."

Five congress presidents were elected including Julian Huxley of Great Britain, Irene Joilo Curie of France, Andersen Mexoe, Danish writer and an Italian painter, Guttuso. Vice Presidents included Jo Davidson, of the United States, Jose Giral, former Spanish premier, Jorge Amado, Brazilian writer, Mulk Raj Anand, Indian writer and Karl Mukarzowski, President of Prague University.

Eight Greek Reds Sentenced To Death

ATHENS, Aug. 25 (UPA): A court martial at Lamis today sentenced eight persons to death and two others to life imprisonment on charges of being Communists.

Khuhro To Appeal

Sir Valentine Holmes Briefed To Argue Case Before Privy Council

KARACHI, Aug. 25 (API)—The former Premier of Sind, Mr. M. A. Khuhro's appeal against the ruling of the Sind Special Court of Inquiry upholding the validity of the Sind Governor's Special Court of Inquiry ordinance will be filed before the Privy Council when it reassembles after its vacation in mid-September it was learned here today.

Mr. Khuhro is expected to engage Sir Valentine Holmes, K C, one of Britain's leading legal luminaries to present his case to the Privy Council.

Mr. A K. Brohi, who has prepared the brief will fly to London shortly to assist Mr. Khuhro's senior counsel.

The brief, it is learned, has already been sent to Mr. Brohi's London solicitors.

Famous Concert Pianist Dead

SANTA FE, New Mexico, Aug. 25 (UPA)—Maurice Lichtmann, 61, concert pianist and authority on the works of composer Chopin, died in the Santa Fe Hospital today.

Lichtmann had been in a serious condition since he suffered a heart attack several weeks ago. A former dean of the Master Institute of United Arts in New York, Lichtmann had made his home in Santa Fe since 1938. He was born in the Ukraine and had made concert tours of Europe.

INDIAN ARMY ENGINEERING

Technical Committee To Report On Manpower Resources

NEW DELHI, August 26. (U.P.I.): The Government of India have recently had under their consideration the question of the utilization, during peace time, of the engineering manpower resources of the Army, for the execution of large engineering projects of national importance and to meet emergencies, says a press note issued to-day.

They have now decided to set up a technical committee, to conduct a preliminary examination of this problem in all its bearings, including the organisational and financial aspects, and to submit definite recommendations, both in respect of the long term policy to be adopted by Government and the action that should be taken to cover the immediate future, the note adds.

The personnel of the committee, as announced through the press note, will be as follows:

The Engineer-in-Chief, General Headquarters (India); the Chief Engineer, Central Public Works Department; the Chairman, Central Waterpower Irrigation and Navigation Commission; the Consulting Engineer (Roads); and a representative of the Railway Board, to be nominated by the Ministry of Railways.

The Committee will consult, it is stated, the Ministry concerned and submit a detailed proposals with a period of three months.

Ram Gopal To Represent India At New York Festival

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—The city of New York has invited Miss Pearl S. Buck, the noted American novelist and Mr. J. J. Singh, the President of the India League of America, to become Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Committee of Patrons for the famous Indian dancer Ram Gopal and his company who are shortly to arrive in New York.

It was learned that the Government of India has designated the Ram Gopal troupe to represent India at the International Dance Festival arranged by the city of New York to commemorate its golden anniversary.

The troupe is expected to arrive in New York about the middle of September, and will give four performances at the civic centre of music and drama.

'Red' Cells Still Working In U. S. Government

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26. (Reuter). Communists cells are still functioning within the United States Government, Whittaker Chambers, one of the principal witnesses in the Congressional syp ring hearings, declared last night. Chambers made the assetion in reply to a question by representative Karl E Mundt.

MANCHESTER-APOLLO MILLS STRIKE 'SUB JUDICE'

GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES INABILITY TO INTERVENE

The Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay in a "communuique" says: "In connection with the squatting demonstration by certain workers of the Manchester and Aollo Mills near the Oval pavement, the following facts would show how pointless the move is. The workers struck work since July 14 last and the management of the two mills locked them out since August 7. The workers gave notice to the management on August 16 that the strike would be withdrawn the next day. The notice, however, made it clear that "the withdrawal of the strike should not tbe construed as the withdrawal of demands."

"Mr. Raja Kulkarni approached the Labour Secretary on August 20 for Government help to force the management to lift the lock-out. He was asked to furnish the Government with a written representation together with a copy of the workers' notice to the management to enable it to examine the legal position and decide the next step. The representation was handed in on August 25; and it disclosed that the Mill Mazdoor Sabha had already pursued an independent course without waiting for Government's good offices and filed prosecutions in the Labour Court against the management of the two mills for not re-admitting the workers, under Section 101 (2) of the B. I. R. Act. It is plain that the rights of the parties and the action of the management are now 'sub judice', and there is no question of the Government weighing the merits or interpreting the law or putting pressure on either party or referring the dispute to any other court. The workers have themselves resorted to the Labour court and any demonstration on their part for Govenment's good offices now is pointless. The representatives of the workers, when they met the Labour Secretary on August 25, were informed of this position."

Squatters Still At Secretariat

The three hundred squatters from the Apollo and Manchester Mills, were still bivouacking in front of the Bombay Secretariat, on Thursday night.

A spokesman of the workers told a reporter of this paper who visited the place at midnight, that fair weather or foul, they would remain glued to the spot, until they got an assurance from Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, the Labour Minister to the Government of Bombay, that he would intervene in their dispute.

Anyway, judging from their mood, it looked as if they would not move from the place until the 1st of September, at any rate, on which date their dispute comes up for hearing before the Industrial Tribunal, in case they did not get any assurance from Ministerial quarters, earlier.

P. W. D. WATER FOR IRRIGATION

No Levy For Agricultural Use

The Government of Bombay has regulated the use by irrigators, other than sugar companies, of water from rivers, streams, nalas, tanks and other sources of water supply, vesting in the Public Works Department, on which no expediture has been incurred by the Government at any time.

Permission will be granted for the use of water free of charge for growing food and fodder crops, including onions. When it is proposed to grow perennial crops, i.e. money crops, the ratio of perennial crops to food and fodder crops must be 1:2 during the period of sanction. This ratio of 1:2 may vary in case the Government so directs.

Areas of crops grown in excess of the sanctioned are will be liable to be charged at full water rates leviable for using canal water.

Water will not be allowed to be taken for commercial and industrial purposes.

Applications for water are to be made, on a prescribed form, to the Executive Engineer of the Division concerned or any other officer authorised by him for the purpose, three months in advance of the season for which water is required.

No canal water will under any circumstances be granted to the areas brought under cultivation by such water.

BOMBAY NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS' COUNCIL: The result of the General Nursing Part II (Senior) has been declared and the following are the numbers of the sucessful candidates:— 301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 314 315 316 317 318 319 320 321 322 323 324 325 326 327 328 329 330 331 332 334 338 339 341 342 343 346 348 349 350 351 352 353 355 356 357 359 360 361 362 363 364 366 367 370 371 372 373 374 375 376 377 380 381 382 384 385 386 387 391 392 393 394 396 398 401 402 404 405 406 407 408.

The Durgabai Ketker Prize for the Marathi speaking candidates was divided between Dandekar Damayanti successful candidates:— 301 302 303 from Civil Hospital, Dhulia and Thatte Moaina from J. A. Hospital Gwalior, as both of them secured equal marks, viz 181.

KATHIAWAR POLITICAL CONFERENCE RESOLVES TO WIND ITSELF

Activities Will Be Carried On Under Indian National Congress

LIMBDI, August 26. (A.P.I.): The 27-year old Kathiawar Political conference at its last plenary session today unanimously resolved to wind itself up and to carry on political activities in Kathiawar under the Indian National Congress. The Conference also decided to set up Congress Committees in Kathiawar which would work under the Gujerat Provincial Congress Committee.

The resolution for the dissolution of the Conference was moved by the Deputy Chief Minister of Saurashtra Mr. Balvantrai Mehta.

Mr. Darbar Gopaldas Desai, President of the Conference addressing the Conference appealed to the members to devote their time and energy to constructive programme which alone, he said, could remove from the minds of the people that spirit of opposition to the Government which was the mainspring of the fight against alien rule but was out of place after the attainment of Independence.

Commending the resolution, the Chief Minister of Saurashtra Mr. U. N. Dheber deprecated separatist tendencies among a section of the people and said that Saurashtra was only a part of indivisible India.

JAIPUR August 26.: Mr. Sukhdeo Pande has been unanimously elected first non-official Deputy President of the Jaipur Legislative Council. The President, Sir V. T. Krishnamachari, has nominated Rawal Raghubir Singh of Bissau, Mr. Nemi Chand Kasliwal and Mr. Swaroop Narain Purohit on the panel of Chairman.

New Taluka In Thana District

With a view to facilitating efficient administration and for the convenience of the public, the Government of Bombay has decided to create, from November 1, 1948, a new taluka in the Thana District with headquarters at Borivali. The new Taluka will consist of the following 48 villages to be transferred from the Thana Taluka:—

Bhaindar, Raimurdha, Ghodbander, Kashi, Mire, Uttan, Dongari, Tirandaj, Kherabad, Sai, Gundgaon, Paijapur, Paspoli, Pawni, Kopan, Tungawa, Tulshi, Chindawali, Erangal, Darawali, Oshiware, Goregaon, Pahadi, Majaj, Are, Vyaroli, Kurar, Akse, Marave, Chinchavli, Dindoshi, Malad, Borivali, Kaneri, Magathane, Kandiwali, Shinpawali, Charkhop, Poisar, Akurli, Mandaposhwar, Eksar, Dahisar, Malvani, Vandhawan, Valnai, Gorai and Manori.

MR. M. P. PATIL

Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Agriculture and Forests will leave Bombay, for Poona, on Friday, August 27 and return on Monday, August 30.

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Bhopardikar And Patil Enter Semi-Finals

MRS. LEWIS TO MEET MISS CHINOY IN FINALS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

M. K. BHOPARDIKAR AND M. S. PATIL THAT HARD-HITTING PAIR, ENTERED THE SEMI-FINAL ROUND OF THE MEN'S DOUBLES BY VIRTUE OF THEIR 15-11, 18-13 VICTORY OVER VIJAY MADGAOKAR AND C. B. KALAPPA ON THURSDAY EVENING IN THE C.C.I. BADMINTON TOURNAMENT.

Playing their usual robust game and combining superbly the winners sprang into a 7-2 lead and looked like having things their own way, but Madgaokar and Kalappa waking up to the situation—the former cool as ever and the latter the usual bundle of energy—determinedly crept up point by point to level up matters at 9-9, but Patil and young Bhopardikar were not to be denied. Tightening up their game, and looking champions all over, the latter smashed the way through to win the game at 15-11. Madgaokar now came into the picture, and taking charge of the situation and occasionally sending over scorching smashes for which he has become famous in this tournament, took the lead with the score-board reading 5-1. Again Bhopardikar and Patil came up fighting, with their tails up and reeled off point after point to lead 10-7 but this proved to be short-lived because the losers again caught up at 10, every point being bitterly contested. At this important stage, however, the latter muffed their services and thus lost a glorious opportunity. Bhopardikar covered himself with glory at this stage, and initiating most of the moves, scored a hard-earned and most popular victory.

Mrs. Lewis earned the right of contesting the finals of the women's singles with Miss M. R. Chinoy by disposing of Miss B. Farias in straight sets. Winning the first game easily, she was down 3-10 in the next but lobbing strongly and killing her opponent's weak returns, she galloped on to leave Miss Farias stationing at 10.

India's champion, Davinder Mohan giving a vastly improved display, made short work of C. B. Kalappa. His terrific smashes, particularly, crashing through a bewildered Kalappa's defence.

In the men's doubles match, K. M. Rangnekar and D. G. Mugwe out-classed G. T. Kirawant and P. S. Nilkant and qualified for the semi-final round of the event where they meet Davinder Mohan and George Lewis tomorrow.

The following were the results:—

PROFESSIONAL'S SINGLES

K. Manaji beat S Ramchandra 15-3; 15-6.

JUNIOR BOY'S SINGLES

V. M. Bhat beat M. G. Patgavkar 15-2; 15-1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES (SEMI-FINALS)

Mrs. G. Lewis beat Miss B. Farias 11-5; 12-10.

MEN'S SINGLES

Davinder Mohan beat C. B. Kalappa 15-2; 15-1. H. Ferreira beat G. P. Shirke 15-7; 15-8.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Miss L. M. Merchant and Miss S. Molocbhoy beat Miss Shama K. Nigudkar and Miss V. Oak 15-9, 15-7. Miss M. R. Chinoy and Mrs. Lewis beat Mrs. R. Guzdar and Miss P. D. Shroff 15-9, 15-10.

MEN'S DOUBLES

M. S. Patil and M. K. Bhopardikar beat V. A. Madgaokar and C. B. Kalappa 15-11, 18-13.

K. M. Rangnekar and D. G. Mugwe beat G. J. Kirawant and P. S. Nilkant 15-7, 15-5.

Friday's Matches

PROFESSIONAL'S SINGLES: 5 p.m. Narayan Ratnya vs. Vithal Manaji 5-20 p.m. L. G. Salve vs. Vasudeo Atmaram.

JUNIOR BOY'S SINGLES SEMI-FINALS: 5-40 p.m. Vimawala vs. C. T. Shah.

MEN'S SINGLES QUARTER FINALS: 6 p.m. G. Lewis vs. M. S. Patil 6-20 p.m. B. D. Shroff vs. H. K. Talyarkhan.

MIXED DOUBLES QUARTER FINALS: 6-40 p.m. G. P. Shirke and Miss S. K. Nigudkar vs. A. G. Kalyanpurkar and Miss S. S. Phansalkar.

MEN'S DOUBLES SEMI-FINALS: 7 p.m. K. M. Rangnekar and D. G. Mugwe vs. Davinder Mohan and G. Lewis.

PAREL SOCCER

St Xaviers' "A" Beaten By Solitary Goal

BOMBAY, Thursday.

General Motors Sports Club collected two more points when they eliminated the senior string of St. Xavier's College "A" by a solitary goal scored by Samuel, in the first division of the Indian League, this evening at the St. Xavier's College ground, Parel; while in a later game B.E.S.T. Sports Club and the junior outfit of the Rangers Sports Club shared two points, without any scoring on either side.

G. I. P. RLY. GROUND

Both the semi-finals in the Ahmed Sailor Cup Football Tournament for Schools, were decided this evening, at the G. I. P. Railway ground, Parel. In the first encounter, Little Flower High School "A", champions of the Fifth Division of the Junior Harwood League beat the first team of Don Basco High School by two goals to nil scored by D'Cruz and Rozario, each scoring one in each half of the game.

In the second game St Mary's High School just managed to prevail over Antonio de Souza High School by a solitary goal scored through Arbutnot in the first half of the game.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE GROUND PAREL

4-40 p.m: G. I. P. "B" v/s. H. M. I. Dockyard.

5-40 p.m.: Khandoba Vijay "A" v/s. St. Francis Goans "B".

G. I. P. RLY. GROUND, PAREL

4-40 p.m: Telephone Club v/s. Khatau S. C.

5-40 p.m.: Ordnance Depot v/s. Bombay Keralaya Samaj.

TRADES WASTE MANY CHANCES

Rangers' Plucky Display

BOMBAY, Thursday.

TRADERS	4
RANGERS	0

Pitted against an incomplete side which took the field with only ten men and was further reduced to nine shortly afterwards, the Trades got only four goals, whereas, had the utilised the chances that came their way, they might well have got a dozen goals in the final tally.

Everyone in the forward line save Peter frittered away at least a couple of chances of scoring. But perhaps the dubious distinction of losing most opportunities goes undisputedly to Thomas who missed well over half a dozen chances of scoring. The determinations of the Trades front line not to score helped the Rangers to keep the scoreboard blank at half time. Only when a penalty was awarded as Thomas was fouled by Alexander in the penalty area did the magic spell over the Rangers' goal come to an end. But even then the distinction of scoring the goal did not fall to any one of the forwards. Manuel took the kick and converted it with a shot which might have been saved by custodian Mendonza.

Thereafter Thomas and Raymond added two and one goal each to complete the tally.

The honours of the evening's play go to the Rangers, however, for the presevering manner in which they stuck to their task, hopeless from the first, rendered even more difficult by the absence from their right wing of Santiago who was carried off the field in the first half. Waghela, Beasley and LeFebour alone maintained a forward line which was a line only in name. Even so the performance of the front line was by no means that of a token resistance. These three repeatedly ventured into their opponents' territory and caused the Trades defenders at least a few anxious moments.

For their part McMurray and Alexander rendered invaluable service to their side by rescuing it again and again from the host of invaders who swarmed their goal. To this invading army were added the half-line and on some occasions even some of the defenders during the middle of the second half.

THE TEAMS:

TRADES—D'Silva; Manuel and Rathnam; Suvarna, Perumal and Govind; Bhimrao, Raymond, Sheena, Thomas and Peter.

RANGERS— McGready, Farooqui and Alexander, Moses, McMurray and Stanley; Santiago, Beasley, LeFebour and Waghela.

Friday evening at 5-35 p.m. G.I.P. vs. Rashid's XI.

The St. Xavier's College will meet the Poddar College this evening at 4-20 p.m. on the Cooperage ground for the first semi-final of the Inter-Collegiate Football Tournament.

INDIAN'S HELD TO A DRAW BY WELSH TEAM

SWANSEA, August 26. (Reuter): India's Olympic Soccer Eleven were held to a goal-less draw by a Welsh side here to-night, only their failure to shoot, preventing India from repeating their Wrexham success.

Outplayed in the first half, the Welshmen recovered to give the Indians a gruelling last twenty minutes but failed to beat the magnificent Varadaraj in India's goal.

During the first half Raman missed a penalty for India.

Eight of the Indians played barefooted.

Danish Wonder-Woman Equals World Record

DUBLIN, August 26. (Reuter): Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen, winner of four Olympic Gold Medals on behalf of Holland, equalled the Women's World Record for 100 yards to-night when competing in a sports meeting at Dublin where she covered the distance in 10.8 seconds.

Mrs Blankers-Koen set this record in Amsterdam four years ago.

BURMESE SOCCER TEAM BEAT AN I.F.A. XI

CALCUTTA, August 26. (A.P.I.): The Burma Football team visiting Calcutta today defeated an I. F. A. XI by two goals to one in an exhibition match.

This was the second match of their visit. In the first match on Tuesday they drew with an I. F. A. XI each side scoring once.

Bradman Felicitated On Eve Of Birthday

LONDON, August 26. (Reuter): Don Bradman was today presented with a special birthday cake made in the form of a book and carrying the words to Don Bradman: "Many happy returns of the day" from all at Lords. He was also handed a copy of a book "Lords 1787 to 1945 by Sir Pelham Warner".

Bradman's birthday is tomorrow, but Earl of Gowrie, President of the M. C. C. made the presentation after lunch today when Bradman's health was tossed in champagne in case the match, now in progress, finished in two days.

The book bore the inscription: "Presented to Don Bradman on the occasion of his 40th birthday by the President, Committee and Members of the Marylebone Cricket Club in memory of the great pleasure he has given at Lords since 1930 to countless lovers of cricket".

On the cake were specially made Kangaroos at each corner, a cluster of roses and a photograph of Bradman.

HOPES TO BE BACK TO WATCH TESTS

Bradman said it was a sod occasion to bid farewell to cricket on this great ground, but he hoped to come to England again not as a player but to watch many tests.

NON-LEAGUE CLUBS LAY ASIDE PLANS

Decide To Run Own Soccer Competition

LONDON, August 26. (Reuter): The Non-League Soccer Clubs in Britain have laid aside their plans and arguments for the time being, for admittance to the League, and will, instead, run their own National Cup Competition. This decision, made by the National Association of Non-League Clubs at a recent meeting, is arousing widespread interest among Britain's lesser Football Clubs, both League and non-League. It is felt that the Non-League Clubs must prove to the League their matches can pull in the crowds and return profits as large, if not larger, than some League Clubs.

The competition is expected to be run on normal lines and the later rounds—quarter finals, semi-finals and final—will be played on well-known London grounds. A Non-League Cup clash on one of these grounds would command some notice of its own and not be lost in other big soccer news has happened before.

The idea of the competition is probably the outcome of the successful F. A. Cup runs of some Non-League Clubs last season.

These Clubs benefited enormously by visit from First Division and other League Clubs and in some instances grounds were enlarged and improved to admit the larger crowds. During the close season some of these temporary improvements have been made permanently and further progress still is expected this season. This will mean that top Non-League teams will be getting bigger crowds and returning greater profits than some Third Division League Clubs.

A cash argument carries much weight and this plus any interest shown in the Club Competition will give those Clubs clamouring for admittance to the League one of the biggest boosts of all time.

Baroda's Horse Beaten In Gimcrack Stakes

YORK, August 26. (Reuter): Mr. W. Harvey's Star King won Gimcrack Stakes here this afternoon. The Gaekwar of Baroda's Makarpura was second and Lady Bullough's Luminary third.

Twelve ran.

The betting was 15 to two Star King; four to one Makarpura; nine to four favourite Luminary.

Won by three lengths, with three-quarters of length between second and third.

J. Sims rode Golden Triumps.

MARCEL BOUSSAC'S FRESH SUCCESS

Marcel Boussac's Nirgal won the Great Yorkshire Stakes here this afternoon defeating his only rival Lord Astor's High Stakes by one length.

Nirgal was favourite at two-to-one on High Stakes two-to-one against.

AUSTRALIANS RUN UP HUGE TOTAL

Gentlemen Of England Face Innings Defeat

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter): Don Bradman decided to continue their innings when play resumed in the match between the Australians and the Gentlemen of England at Lords today. The tourists had carried their overnight score of 478 for three to 610 for five by the lunch interval. Lindsay Hassett was then 200 not out.

It was only then that Bradman applied the closure. Reason for his decision to bat on this morning was not easy to gues as the Gentlemen could not have hoped to make the Australians bat a second time in the match. Play opened with a thrill for the 15,000 spectators when Wooller, with the new ball, had Miller caught off the fourth ball of the day. When Loxton joined Hassett play became drab. Loxton went to a smart catch at the wicket at 532. Then Hamence came in and took 15 minutes before he got off the mark. Play continued uninspiringly until lunch when Hassett completed his first double century of the tour in the last over before the interval, after batting five and a quarter hours and hitting 18 fours.

Simpson and Edrich opened for the Gentlemen and a good stand appeared likely when they passed the fifty confidently. Lindwall did not bowl full out at the start but when he did he rapped both men on the pads.

The pitch was ideal for scoring and Simpson particularly looked at ease and scored the faster. Two powerful off-drives by Edrich off Ring showed perfect timing but at 55 he made no attempt to play a faster ball which took his off-stump.

Palmer joined Simpson and used his feet well to smother Johnson's offbreaks but after scoring only three returned a catch to the bowler, and two wickets were down for 76.

Donnelly and Simpson then carried the scofe to 93 by the tea interval with Simpson not out 43 having shown excellent form as an opening bat against the Australian attack.

Simpson was fourth man out for a well played sixty before Brown made a splendid catch.

Just afterwards the new ball was taken and the sheer speed of Miller and Lindwall sent Yardley and Mann back to the pavilion.

Robins and Mailey added forty for the eighth wicket, the second best stand after the first paid and then Robins hit across the flight of an offbreak and was bowled. He had earlier amused the crowd by bending almost double to avoid the bumpers of Miller and Lindwall.

It seemed that the Gentlemen would be all out and perhaps start their second innings tonight but a stubborn last wicket stand by Brown and Griffith was unbroken.

SCORE-BOARD

Australia (First Innings)

Barnes c Wooller b Bailey	19
Brown c Bailey b Wooller	120
Bradman c Donnelly b Brown	150
Hassett not out	200
Miller c Simpson b Wooller	69
Loxton c Griffith b Bailey	17
Hammence not out	24
Extras	11
Total (for 5 wickets declared)	610

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/40; 2/221; 3/331; 4/448; 5/532.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bailey	27	4	112	2
Wooller	34	1	131	2
Palmer	21	3	58	0
Edrich	16	3	49	0
Yardley	24	5	88	0
Brown	27	0	121	1
Robins	4	0	22	0
Donnelly	6	0	18	0

Gentlemen Of England (First Innings)

Simpson c Brown b Johnson	60
Edrich b Ring	27
Palmer c and b Johnson	3
Donnelly l.b.w. Johnson	15
Yardly b Miller	25
Mann l.b.w. Lindwall	7
Robins b Johnson	30
Wooller c Johnson b Hammance	11
Bailey c Hammence b Ring	20
Brown not out	10
Grijjith not out	10
Extras	16
Total (for 9 wickets)	237

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55; 2-76; 3-102; 4-121; 5-144; 6-153; 7-170; 8-210; 9-214.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Miller	7	3	18	1
Lindwall	13	3	39	1
Johnson	23	7	60	4
Hammence	8	2	23	1
Ring	25	7	66	2
Barnes	3	2	4	0
Loxton	8	2	11	0

County Cricket

LONDON, August 26, (Reuter): The following are today's Cricket close of play scores:

AT HOVE: SUSSEX VS. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: Nottinghamshire 308 (Sime not out 176); Sussex 218 (John Langridge not out 108).

AT BOURNEMOUTH: beat HAMPSHIRE by ten wickets. Hampshire 71 and 176; Yorkshire 135 and 114 for nil (Hutton not ouu 76).

AT GLOUCESTER: GLOUCESTERSHIRE VS.. COMBINED SERVICES. Combined Services 223 and 298 for 7 (Manners 147, Elgood 51); Gloucestershire 234 (Wilcox 52, Graveney 89, Shirreff six for 68).

AT CLACTION. ESSEX VS. WORCESTERSHIRE: Worcestershire 306 and ten for three; Essex 422 for six declared (Cray 52, Avery not out 214, Horsfall 122).

AT MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE VS. KENT: Kent 195 and 81 for three; Lancashire 278 for 8 declared (Ikin 72, Cranston 82).

AT LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE VS. WARWICKSHIRE: Leicestershire 207 and 36 for two; Warwickshire 443 for nine declared (Maudsley 90, Wolton 62, Grove not out 104).

AT KENNINGTON OVAL, SURREY VS. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: Surrey 178 and 296 (Constable 73, A. Bedser not out 66); Northamptonshire 175 (McMahon eight for 46).

Excellent Track Displays By Raj Doot And Royal Jester

BY OUR TRACK REPORTER.

The following are the track-trials noted at Poona:—

TAN TRACK

TOISTAR (Davis) was in hand when covering seven furlongs from 9 to 2 in 1 min. 38 secs.

KUNIGAL STAR (Davis) moved in front of BHOPAL STAR (Purtu) when working freely over nine furlongs. Timing 2 mins. 10 secs.

RAJ DOOT (Davis) put an outstanding six furlongs trial in company of DEV DOOT (R.B.) from 9 to 3. The Kashmir pair clocked 1 min. 1½ secs. for the journey.

ROYAL JESTER (Kasbekar) impressively covered nine furlongs in 2 mins. 2½ secs. He is sure to run well on Saturday.

FIND OUT (Davis) held NEAR IMAGE (Black) when covering six furlongs from 9 to 3 in 1 min. 22 secs.

GIPSY GEM (Raut) disposed of ICE BOX (R.B.) when sent over six furlongs from 9 to 3. They clocked 1 min. 22 secs.

HIKMET (Murad) and SHUB LUXMI (Aurobinda) were placed in close order at the end of six furlongs. The pair, now in fine fettle, negotiated the distance in 1 min. 22 secs.

CHURCHILL (Khade) looked fit when covering six furlongs from 9 to 3 in 1 min. 23 secs.

FIRST ROYALTY (Duncombe) was not seriously pressed when covering a mile in 1 min. 52 secs.

PRIORATE (Dar) had the measure of SIMON'S SISTER (Sumer Singh) when sent over a mile ah a fair pace. Timing recorded 1 min. 52 secs. Priorate is in splendid trim.

LUMINARY (R.B.) and MAH-I-NAU (Md. Khan) convincingly held NOOR BANO (R.B.) when covering six furlongs from 9 to 3 in 1 min. 24 secs.

D-DAY (Devaney) and RANA PRATAP (Jagdesh) were about level at the end of a gallop over a mile from 9 to 1 done in 1 min. 52 secs.

CRESCENT (Guman) had the narrow measure of JUST WAIT (Davis) when covering seven furlongs in 1 min. 38 secs.

MY PET (Jagdesh) finished in front of BRONZEWING (Devaney) when worked over six furlongs from 9 to 3. Timing 1 min. 22½ secs.

CHIN UP (Chavan) strode like a winner when covering the last seven in 1-36½ secs.

AKASH DEEP (Damodar) was definitely better than SUNLIGHT (R.B.) when sent over six furlongs. They covered the last five in 1 min. 7 secs.

BIG BLAZE (Chavan) was speedier than HER EXCELLENCY (Dashrat) when covering six furlongs from 9 to 3 in 1 min. 22½ secs.

PRATAPGARH (Kasbekar) and GWALIOR EXPRESS (R.B.) were in hand when covering seven furlongs from 9 to 2 in 1 min. 41 secs.

Both MARLOW (Jagdesh) and FULL POPPY (R.B.) were not unduly stretched when travelling over six furlongs from 9 to 3. They clocked 1 min. 26 secs.

Acceptances

The following are the acceptances for his Satuurday's Races at Poona:—

THE KATRAJ PLATE (Div. III).—Distance 7 Furlongs.

Dorian Grey 8-12, Rang Rao 8-12 Prove It 8-12, Lalkar 8-12, Hind Vijay 8-12, Fair Deal 8-12, King's Star 8-12, Just Wait 8-12, Cockpit Pride 8-12, Battle Out 8-12, Dhun 8-12.

THE KATRAJ PLATE (Div. II).—Distance 7 Furlongs.

Hooded Terror 8-12, Ganga Singh 8-12, Shivneri 8-12, Sinhgarh 8-12, Little John 8-12, Jehangir 8-12 Cordial 8-12, Bentex 8-12 , Battling Admiral 8-12.

THE ABDULLA KHAIRAZ PLATE—Distance 6 Furlongs.

Near Image 9-2, Find Out 8-8, Boop's Fancy 9-2, Gipsy Gem 9-0, Irish Right 9-0, Tomcat 9-0, Big Blaze 8-13, New Moon 8-12, Futurity 8-5, Duke of Ramgarh 8-4, Churchill 7-11, Morton Daisy 7-10, Pride d'Antibes 7-7.

THE DARJEELING PLATE (Div. II).—Distance 7 Furlongs.

Pirknan 9-0, Miss Prestige 8-11, Missing Link 8-9, Mukti 8-7, Arvind 8-5, Vikram Aditya 8-4, Point Me Out 8-3, Sugar Palm 8-0, Home Spun 7-11 Mon Ami 7-8.

THE WILLINGDON CUP—Distance about 1½ Miles.

Ariel Mail 9-4, Golden Horn 8-13, Rolls Royce 8-10, D. Day 8-8, Keen Boy 7-13, Happy Go Lucky 8-5 Bashir 8-4, Fashion Parade 8-2, Mr. O. K. 7-12 Valiant Prince 7-11, Mardan 7-10.

THE POONA PLATE—Distance 1 Mile 1 Furlong.

Royal Jester 9-5, First Royalty 9-5, Priorate 9-4, Taisch 9-2, Flying Home 8-9, Philborough 8-3, Pravina 7-13, Goodwill 7-10, Monel 7-7, Kunigal Star 7-4, Jawahir 7-3, Je Reviens 7-0.

THE KATRAJ PLATE (Div. I).—Distance 7 Furlongs.

Aan Baan 8-12, Alma 8-12, Gwalior Express 8-12, Flying Clipper 8-12, Moonglow 8-12, Shiraz 8-12, Bavaji 8-12, Crescent 8-12, Time Bomb 8-12, Cocktop 8-12, Sunlight 8-12.

THE DARJEELING PLATE (Div. I).—Distance 7 Furlongs.

Toistar 9-4, Esmail Pasha 9-2, Princess Marnock 9-0, Bok. Bandit 8-10, Flying Jester 8-10, Man Mandir 8-8, Ajinkya Tara II 8-4, Majestic 8-3, Celeste 8-3, Whispering 8-0, Kickshaw 8-0, Rukshmani Devi 7-13, Interlaken 7-12, Royal Challenge 7-10, Kashmira 7-8, Chetna 7-8, Eileen 7-4.

Rich Gold Cup Race To Be Run In New York

LONDON, August 26. (Reuter): The Empre City Racing Association have announced in today's British Racing Calendar the details of the Empire City Gold Cup Race to be run at Belmont Park, New York, on Saturday October 16.

It is a weight for age race for colts and fillies three year-olds and upwards over one mile five furlongs.

The entrance fee is 1,000 dollars for each starter and 100,000 dollars added. The winner is expected to win in the region of 100,000 dollars and the second, third and fourth will receive 25,000, 10,000 and 5,000 respectively. Entries close on October 1.

Bruce Woodcock's Opponent Chosen

LONDON, August 26. (Reuter): It was announced to-day that Bruce Woodcock's opponent, when the British Empire and European Champion returns to the ring at Harringay on September 21 will be Lee Oma, a 31-years old Russian American Heavyweight.

Oma, whose real name is Frank Czjewski, lives in Chicago and he has an impressive ring record. He has beaten Tami Mauriello, who once knocked out Woodcock, and has also beaten Gus Lesnevich and Joe Baksi.

Pakistan Draws With Holland

THE HAGUE, August 26. (Reuter): Pakistan's Olympic Hockey Team contested a goalless draw with Holland here to-night. This was the fourth meeting between the teams who met three times during the Olympic Games.

Pakistan beat Holland 6—1 in a preliminary round, drew 1—1 for third place and then lost 1—4.

A record Dutch crowd of 10,000 watched to-night's game.

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Should We Have An Asiatic Olympic Meet?

By J. C. MAITRA

Should we have an Asiatic Olympic meet? This question was raised at the Indian Olympic Association's council meeting at Bangalore about two years ago. And the meeting said with one voice, 'yes'. I do not know what steps have been taken since then to translate this idea into action.

From latest reports from London it appears that our Olympic Officials now in England have contacted officials from other Asiatic countries and sought their co-operation for holding such a meet in India.

Most of them seem to have agreed to support the venture.

There cannot be two opinions about its usefulness. All the Asiatic countries are far too backward in comparison with the leading nations of Europe and America and even South Africa—in these games. A trial of strength between them, say every four years if not more often, would be exceedingly helpful to them all. I hope a beginning will be made by 1950.

DAVIS CUP

Now a cry has been raised against holding the Davis Cup every year. It is very expensive for countries who have to travel long distances to take part in it. Besides it keeps the players from the leading countries engaged almost throughout the year.

It becomes exceedingly hard for them when they are persuaded to play also at Wimbledon, Forrest Hills and Roland Garros for the British, American and French Championships respectively. It would be all right for professional players. But how can amateur players go on playing from year to year without a break? The suggestion for staging it biennially is a sensible one. It may be adopted for the time being—until such time when air travel becomes cheap and more frequent.

INDIAN CYCLISTS IN EUROPE

From day to day we are receiving reports of the poor performances of our cyclists in the international meets in Europe. This is very humiliating for our country. But neither our cyclists nor the officials seem to feel so. Otherwise they would not have made this trip after sorry exhibitions in Switzerland a couple of years ago.

Congestion In Bombay Docks

In 1939 the B B & C I Railway cleared from the docks a daily average of

57 LOADED WAGONS

In 1945 they cleared a daily average of

81 LOADED WAGONS

Up to date in 1948 they have cleared a daily average of

116 LOADED WAGONS

The Bombay Chronicle

Prosperity tries the fort unate, adversity the great.
—PLINY

MARRIAGE LAW REFORM

The non-official bills amending the Child Marriage Restraint Act of 1929 are a none too early attempt to make the Act something of a reality and not a dead letter it has been these many years. If child marriages are less common now than they used to be, it is more because of the spread of education and general propaganda against them than the efficiency of the Act, which was too mild a piece of legislation to be really effective. Even the present Bill, which, after a lapse of nearly twenty years, raises the minimum marriage age of girls from fourteen to fifteen years is an over-cautious attempt at reform at snail's pace. Motherhood at any age before eighteen years is an injury to the mother and child alike and the Select Committee may well raise the minimum marriage age to sixteen years. A genuine improvement in the bill is the substitution of imprisonment in place of fines for violations of the law. Fines have been lightheartedly paid by parents as making but a small addition to the usually heavy expenditure on marriages in India. It would be better still to annul a marriage contracted against the law.

All will sympathise with the principle of preventing ill-matched marriages between persons widely differing in age. But it is not a good principle to make every error an offence. Many, therefore object to the clause which penalises marriages between men of over forty-five and girls under eighteen. The clause itself permits ill-matched marriages of girls under eighteen and many more of girls over that age. The best way to prevent them is to raise the minimum age of marriage to sixteen years in the case of girls, give them good education till then and carry on vigorous propaganda against all kinds of ill-matched marriages.

One of the ways of remedying the evil of ill-matched marriages after they are contracted is to introduce a sound law of divorce, such for instance, as is recommended by the Draft Hindu Code. The great advantage of the Code is that, by its comprehensiveness it avoids the difficulties of piecemeal legislation. The bill based on the Code finalises the labours of a number of legal committees during the last seven years and has been so designed as to reconcile various conflicting views on Hindu law and usage. Its consideration by the Legislature has already been so long delayed that it is a pity some people seriously propose further postponement of the bill till after the general elections under the new constitution. The All-India Women's Conference has justly protested against these dilatory tactics. The present Central Legislature is thoroughly competent to deal with the subject, and the Hindu Code Bill may well take its chance along with many others before the House. It is due to be taken up by the present session and can be disposed of by the next. Even if it is not, its immediate consideration will bring before the public the various important issues involved in it and it is necessary for the public to know to what extent the leading members of the House support the bill.

Square Deal For Sweepers

The award of the Industrial Tribunal in the dispute between the Bombay Municipality and its Conservancy Staff should end a controversy which has been recurring far too frequently for the good of the City. The Tribunal deserves congratulations on the speed with which this matter has been settled, even though there were certain delays owing, it cannot but be felt, to failure on the part of both parties to come before the Tribunal fully prepared for presenting their points of views. The Tribunal has taken a broad view of the questions before it for decision and its award, on the whole, is based on a complete appreciation of the difficulties involved both on the workers' and on the Municipality's sides. The Tribunal has made repeated reference to the finances of the Corporation and its ability to bear an added burden. It is an arguable point how far such a consideration should weigh with questions relating to basic wages and living conditions but, at the same time, it is difficult to maintain that it can be completely ignored, particularly when the institution involved is a public, non profit-making, body. The Tribunal has drawn pointed attention to the injury done to the workers' cause by precipitate action when it remarks that the sweepers' strike, even after the matter was referred to adjudication, was one of the decisive factors in arriving at the operative date for the revised scale of wages.

On the two issues of basic wage and adequate dearness allowance, the Tribunal has granted substantial relief to the sweepers. The Municipal sweepers are allowed, by the Award, a rupee more than Government sweepers receive and the Tribunal has directed that this disparity should be maintained if the dearness allowance of the Government goes beyond Rs. 30. The reason for this is obvious: The general rule governing dearness allowance is that it never, or rarely, compensates in full for rise in living costs. The variation has been kept up. On this ground, there can be no serious complaint, even if complete satisfaction like full neutralisation, is absent. The basic wage has been fixed at Rs. 35 rising by annual increments of Re. 1 to Rs. 40, a great advance on the Government scale of Rs. 35-8 as-Rs. 40. The Tribunal has confirmed the higher increase because the municipal sweepers have been receiving it and they should be continued in this benefit. Here too the gain registered is appreciable and the sweepers would be unwise to belittle it.

The Tribunal has not been able to grant the other demands of the sweepers, in view of the financial difficulties of the Municipality. It is unfortunate that the housing and cheap grain demands have had to be turned down because more real benefits can be extended in these spheres than by mere money increases. But, apart from the Municipal finances, there is the difficulty that benefits in kind are liable to abuse—particularly in days of housing and food shortages—and without an effective staff for controlling the distribution of benefits, the extension of these advantages might well mean an additional burden on the citizen without necessarily profitting the average sweeper. But the Adjudicator has pointed out that even in the matter of housing the Corporation stands to gain more by providing accommodation than by paying rent allowance and the remedy is not by raising the rent allowance but by launching on a wide scheme of housing for municipal housing. The Tribunal has entered a spirited answer to the charge that an Industrial Court should not be concerned with social investigation and there will be general agreement with his opinion that it is the duty of the Industrial Court to function as a court of equity. It is not merely a question patching up differences between workers and employers that concerns the Tribunal. It is a matter of removing the root causes of industrial dispute as they manifest themselves. In the sweepers' case, the Tribunal has held the balance between two conflicting parties and given a decision which will meet with the support of the enlightened section of the community.

SUDHAGAD TALUKA

Improvements Needed

Mr. T. A. Kulkarni, Sudhagad Sahakari Sangh writes:—

The Taluka was once a part of Bhor State below the Western Ghats and has now merged in Kolaba District. Its area is 105 sq. miles. Out of this the land under cultivation is 45 sq. miles. 65 sq. miles is Government forest. There are 83 villages in this Taluka with a population of 30,000 souls. Their chief means of subsistence is agriculture. The principal crop of this Taluka is rice, which is about 10,000 Khandies. Out of this nearly half the quantity is exported. Auction sales of forest produce bring about a Lac of Rupees: The roads in the forest areas are nothing but country cart tracks rugged in character. The load carried by bullock carts in this area is less than half the normal cart load. In case roads are constructed in this area the sum fetched by sales referred to above will increase by at least 25 p.c. which cannot be considered a negligible amount. Forest produce, namely, country teak, charcoal etc., has got a very good price in the market in these days and that is not likely to run down at least 4 or 5 years to come. The demand for these is likely to be on an increasing scale. The roads that need now be constructed are as under:—

(1) Kansal Nadsar to Atone...12¼ miles.
(2) Siddheshwar to Atone..8 miles.
(3) Siddheshwar to Dhondse..4 miles.

In all 24¼ miles in length.

It is learnt, at the time of merger of this State, Bhor Darbar has handed over to Bombay Government a sum of 21 lacs of Rupees. As per one of the conditions of merger it is settled that this reserve fund should be spent in the self same area of its development. Before the merger took place on 12-12-47, the Council of Ministers, Bhor-State passed a resolution that this amount should be spent on specific works. The resolution has been approved and sanctioned by the Raja Saheb Bhor. There is a mention of these first two roads in the resolution referred to. When these roads are constructed —they will satisfy most of the needs for roads in this Taluka. This will considerably reduce transport charges for both, forest and agricultural produce and ultimately go to benefit the agriculturists in this area.

For the present there are unmetalled roads of the aggregate length of 15 miles in this Taluka. The main road Pali to Khopoli in the former State limits and Pali Nagothana road are party bridged and drained. This is a sort of handicap in the rains. So they need be bridged at two points on river Amba namely (1) at Jambhulpada and (2) at Pali.

In so far as water supply is concerned, the present sources of water supply for drinking purposes are rivers, steams and wells. All these get dry in the month of March. Worst of hardships is experienced by the people of this Taluka in this behalf. A regular plan should be chalked out to remove this disability as soon as possible.

In so far as the Irrigation is concerned it is found that water remains scanty at good many places in the river Amba and Kundalika. In the river Kundalika particularly water is let out from Bhira Power House all the year round. Pumps can be installed with advantage at places like these and perennial crops can be grown.

With a view to prepare projects for roads water supply and irrigation etc., a special branch of P.W.D. with competent staff should be set up to undertake the work.

A Case For A Maritime Province Along The West Coast Of India

I—CRY OF "BOMBAY FOR MAHARASHTRA"

(By A Nationalist)

There is in the air today all over the country the slogan of "linguistic provinces". There is nothing intrinsically wrong, unnatural or illegitimate in the desire of large masses of the people, who speak the same tongue and who inhabit a compact geographical area, to be governed by an authority which conducts its affairs in the own language—a language which they can understand perfectly.

The idea of linguistic provinces is a legitimate one and linguistic provinces are bound to come into existence in this country sooner or later. But, like many good, legitimate and desirable things in this world, the idea of linguistic division of the country is capable of abuse in the hands of thoughtless and fanatically-minded zealots and thus can become a fruitful source of mischief.

Indeed some of the mischievous consequences of the impatient and raucous propaganda which is being carried on by the votaries of the idea of "linguistic provinces" are already being felt in various parts of India raising serious apprehensions in the minds of the thinking portions of the public as to the future of this country.

The happenings in Bengal-Assam border and the clamping down of curfew in Gauhati, Assam's capital and the bitter controversy that is still raging between Bengali and Behari leaders over the re-allocation of villages situated on the borders of the two provinces are straws which show how the wind is blowing.

The magnitude of the havoc wrought by the utterly erroneous and fantastic "two nations" theory of Mr. M. A. Jinnah ought to have served as a eye-opener to all fanatically-minded political idealists, but apparently it has not done so. Though it is of no use to cry over spilt milk both those who have taken upon themelves the leadership of the country and those who accept their leadership should be alive to the pitfalls and other dangers lurking ahead and should realise the need for circumspection in treading on hitherto untrodden ground.

CRY of "BOMBAY FOR MAHARASHTRA"

Take the cry of "Bombay for Maharashtra" which certain Maharashtrian leaders have begun to raise, without stopping to reflect on all the implications of such a demand.

As everyone knows, Bombay City has attained its present unique status and prosperity through the joint labours of at least half a dozen communities professing the Hindu, Muslim, Zoroastrian and Christian religions and speaking an equal number of languages, if not more. What would Bombay have been or would be in future without its Gujarati-speaking Hindu, Parsi and Muslim inhabitants —not to say anything of the other non-Maharashtrian sections of its population?

No doubt, the bulk of the manual labour of the city is contributed by the Marathi-speaking inhabitants and they do form the numerical majority of the population. But labour is not the only factor that counts in balancing of values of the relative contributions to the life and prosperity of a highly industrialised and commercialised modern city. This fact is too obvious to need elaboration, but the linguistic zealots evidently want to overlook it, because it is too unpleasant to contemplate and will not fit into their fondly cherished scheme of things!

The linguistic zealots have not yet explained to the world how, even if one concedes for a moment their claim they propose to fit this city into their scheme of provincial reconstruction. Would they keep intact the University and High Court of Bombay or would they scrap them up, lest they prove too formidable rivals to the High Court and linguistic university they propose to set up at Poona?

Would they allow their proposed capitals at Poona and Ahmedabad to be overshadowed by the more magnificent Bombay or will they make the latter their capital?

Further, what material advantage does the Marathi province expect to derive for itself by the inclusion of Bombay in its jurisdiction and how does it propose to derive it, when the forces contending for mastery of the situation in this city are not exclusively or even predominently Maharashtrian. What else but utterly disastrous consequences can result from the injection of the communal virus into the life of the city? Bombay, forcibly wedded Maharashtra can only lead to internecine communal and economic warfare and lay the axe permanently at the root of the city's prosperity.

Consider the question from any point of view, any forcible alliance with Maharashtra is calculated to reduce the city either to veritable 'Dead Sea Fruit' in the hands of one or the other section or to a Frankinstein's monster which will ever dog the footsteps of the section which chooses to take a fancy to it. It is difficult to believe that the Maharashtrian leaders are really serious when they mouth their slogan.

BOMBAY'S PROPER ROLE

The only safe and satisfactory way of solving the tangled problem of Bombay is to leave the city alone and let it function as a separate administrative unit. Such a unit cannot carry with it either a Marathi or Gujarati label on the score that its Marathi-speaking citizens from a numerical majority or its Gujarati-speaking citizens have an effective hold on its financial strings.

Bombay cannot be a linguistic unit. Its multilingual and cosmopolitan population will never tolerate such a monstrous distortion of its complexion to suit the fancies of its politico-communal suitors. Bombay with its present teeming population of nearly three millions, all intelligent and industrious, can certainly form an effective administrative unit. More, it can discharge a vital function in the life of the country in a way no other administrative unit can.

The partition of India has deprived her of her powerful natural western bastion—the naval base of Karachi—and in consequence her western coast along the Arabian Sea lies exposed and vulnerable to attack both from Pakistan and other alien quarters. No doubt Bombay is one of the finest harbours in the world and from the sea-side at least her defence are powerful, capable of repelling and even punishing any hostile attacks on herself and nearby coastal territory. But, it is on the cards that the city's defensive position on the land-side is extremely weak and vulnerable and unless the same is effectively buttressed she may share the same fate as befell Singapore when the cunning Japanese overrun the Malay Peninsula and launched an attack on the naval base from the land-side, rendering all the costly and powerful defences from the sea-side utterly useless.

Bombay as well as the entire coastal tract north and south of it has little if any defensive equipment worth the name on the land-side and unless this defect is remedied, India's western flank will lie at the mercy of any invader who chooses to launch an offensive from the hinterland. In order to strengthen the landward defences of Bombay it will not do merely to fortify a few miles of coastal territory north and south of the city. The entire coastal line on both sides to a depth of a couple of hundred miles at least will have to be properly fortified with a series of naval stations and outposts.

PROBLEMS OF DEFENCE

Defence of the country, in whichever part of it, is the primary concern of the Central Government and all necessary measures like fortifications, provision of armaments, training of personnel, etc., are undertaken by it, as the Central Government of India is doing today

But the Governments and peoples of the coastal provinces in particular have a definite contribution to make on their own account in such defence, by actively co-operating with the Central Government in every possible way in the measures it might adopt for the safety of the country as a whole and of specific parts thereof which are deemed to be vulnerable to attack. The people of such areas have to be made sufficiently "defence-minded" so that the needed personnel might be readily forthcoming to man the naval and other defence services.

Shall such onerous tasks be entrusted separately to each coastal province or shall they be undertaken by one common and co-ordinating authority?

The entire west coast of India, say from Broach to Kanya Kumari, is about 1,000 miles long. On administrative grounds the safeguarding of such a length of coastline will be found to be too great a burden to be shouldered by one authority. Further, the difference in the modes of life of the people in the extreme south and the extreme north, the difficulties of communication and consequent paucity of contacts between the two, will render it inadvisable to place all the coastal districts under the jurisdiction of one authority.

TWO ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

It is thus obvious that at least two administrations, each with about 500 miles of coastal land within its jurisdiction, will be required successfully to handle the proolems of the defence of the West Coast

Kerala, an administratively as well as linguistically compact area, with its 500 miles of coastline, will be one such unit. The other unit will have to be entirely new composite, Maritime Province, composed of the coastal districts situated north of Kanara, Ratnagiri Savantwadi, Malvan, Janjira, Kolaba, Bombay City and Suburban Area and Thana District, with Daman as its northern apex such an administrative unit would admirably serve the purposes detailed above, of properly looking after the problems connected with the defence of a litlel over 500 miles of the coastal strip north of Kerala.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

The Only Way

The dispute in Baroda has been settled in the only way it could have been settled. The Ruler has agreed to grant forthwith "complete responsible government without any reservations." As regards past financial transactions, he has agreed "to reimburse to the State Treasury the amounts recently written off and certain other amounts taken from the State Funds" and also such other amounts as may be declared to be due from him by Sardar Patel. The names of all the seven ministers submitted by Dr. Jivraj Mehta for the Interim Ministry have been accepted by the Ruler. In view of this settlement the Baroda legislature is likely, to withdraw its resolution demanding the Ruler's abdication. The days of autocracy have gone in Baroda and most other States in India. They are going in Kashmir and will go very soon in Hyderabad. The triumph of the people has been, and will be, due mainly to their uncompromising struggle for full and immediate responsible government without any reservations.

Advice To Journalists

Addressing the South Indian Journalists' Federation at Madras, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari advised journalists "to take their proper place in national life" and to look upon journalism "as a productive and creative art and not as an industry". For decades past the Indian Press has worthily served the nation in spite of great risks and poor patronage from the public. It has played no mean part in bringing about the country's independence. Indian journalists could not have achieved what they have in the sphere of political, economic and social reform if they had not regarded their work as an art, though only a few could appreciate their art. But when the Federation used the word "industry" in pleading for "a more sympathetic and accommodating attitude on the part of the employers in this industry towards those who are the very backbone of the press", the Federation only meant that the journalists, in the pursuit of their art, could not afford to neglect the business side of their life. There is nothing in this to feel scandalised about. They have been asked to be patient and to excel in plan living and high thinking. We wonder if there is any class of workers in India who excel journalists in these virtues, except perhaps school masters.

Karwar As Major Port

With regard to the recent discussions on the development of one or more ports on the western coast, all are said to be agreed that Karwar is a first class natural port, capable of vast development, but its proximity to Marmugao and its present inadequate trade are urged by some as handicaps against the port. These are utterly untenable objections. Marmugao has never been and is incapable of being developed into a major port accommodating a large number of ships and affording safe shelter to them all the year round. Moreover, both Karwar and Marmugao are necessary to cope with the fast-growing trade in the hinterland and relieve the extreme congestion in the Bombay docks. As regards the trade requirements of Karwar to justify its development as a major port, it may be noted that even now the local trade of raw materials available in North Kanara comes to a few lakhs of tons. And there are big possibilities in the near future. According to the Bobmbay Government's proposals at least four paper-pulp factories and one or two rayon factories are to be started in the neighbourhood of Karwar very shortly, probably with Government assistance. The annual output of paper-pulp and rayon is estimated at about 50,000 tons. And if the unutilised bamboos, the raw material for these, are exported to factories outside the district, Karwar will handle a trade of about two lakhs of tons of cargo in bomboos. Again, Kanara timber, famous all over India, manganese ore, which is abundant in the district, and various other commodities, including salt and fish, can bring to the port additional two lakhs of tons every year.

Promising Trade

The trade from Karwar's hinterland is far more promising. According to Mr. K. Kumar, a member of the recent Bombay Port Development Committee, the hinterland of Karwar in the districts of Karnatak that are fast being developed can be depended upon to bring to Karwar port at least 4,00,000 tons of sugar and 1,00,000 tons of cement, oilseeds, textiles etc. This is about new production expected in the near future in the areas that are being developed. But as Karwar is the nearest port for Karnatak much of the latter's existing trade, about 2,00,000 tons, may be diverted to Karwar from Bombay without the slightest detriment to this congested port. Karwar can also be a good outlet for a part of Mysore's trade, estimated by Mr. Kumar at 3,00,000 tons. Add to all this a fair part of India's import trade and it would be safe to estimate that Karwar can command a minimum volume of trade (coastal and foreign) of over 15,00,000 tons by the time the port is sufficientuy developed This should amply justify its development as a major port.

Great Advantages

The memorandum in support of Karwar, submitted by Kaka Kalelkar and others to the Western Coast Major Port Development Committee, quotes Sir Arthur Cotton, Commandant of Engineers, who reported to Government in 1858 about Karwar as follows: There is a scarcely harbour in the world that has a more remarkable collection of advantages than this would have, considering its position in respect of sea and the country, its security, its accessibility by sea, its improvability, its climate, its connection with internal communications..... and its freedom from any drawback. That such a harbour should be placed opposite such an opening in the Ghats leading to such country with facilities for internal communication is most remarkable and it would seem to be madness to neglect so great advantages." This view was endorsed subsequently by many engineers. But unfortunately, vested European interests in Bombay and Marmugao led to the neglect of Karwar all these years. We hope that blunder will not be repeated by a free Government now when every good port needs to be developed according to the benefits that may be reasonably expected to accrue from its development.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

The people of India had to remember, Sheikh Abdullah said, that the war in Kashmir was not a war for the acquisition of territory, but it was an ideological war. No sacrifice was too great to win that war and to establish the ideal for which Mahatma Gandhi lived and died.
—The Kashmir Premier at the Art Emporium.

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We welcome the New Delhi announcement that His Highness of Baroda, on the advice of the States Ministry, has consented to grant forthwith complete responsible Government without any mental reservation.

But we welcome it with a vocal reservation. We want to know what "mental reservation" was intended to insinuate.

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The agreement, we note, goes beyond "complete responsible Government". His Highness agrees to re-imburse to the State Treasury this that and the other amounts as the Sardar may decide. And, moreover, His Highness also agrees to provisions for an already nominated Regency Council "against any emergency that may arise during the absence of His Highness from the State".

There is obviously more in the agreement than struck the eye. It seems to be a consenting agreement without many other reservations than only mental.

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The Nizam, we learn, has now received a reply to the letter addressed by him to the King.

The King's reply, we further learn, (1) was sent through the Governor-General Rajaji, (2) is a brief one and (3) limits itself to thanking the Nizam for his communication and expressing the hope of a peaceful solution of the Hyderabad problem.

His Exalted Highness' reaction, however, is not known. He is still studying the reply with the assistance of advisers and courtiers.

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Indian and Pakistan Nationalist Muslims in London have declared that "according to the legal interpretation of the U.N. Charter the (Hyderabad) dispute has no international bearing".

But the point is that it has a lot of bearing according to sentimental interpretation by some Chartists, especially the ex-Chartists like Winston Churchill.

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These Muslims furtner demand that the United Nations should reject Hyderabad's representation as invalid.

On the contrary we repeat that the U.N. should forward Hyderabad's representation to its Health Organisation (Mental Department) for sympathetic, urgent and active attention.

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Declaring at a meeting of Bombay Journalists that the Maharaja of Kashmir could only remain as a constitutional head Sheikh Md. Abdullah said that the people had suffered long at the Maharaja's hands and were determined to put an end to all exploitation. The Kashmir leader also denounced the Maharaja for leaving the State in the lurch when it was attacked by Pakistan

Now we know the reasons why the leaders of Pakistan abuse Shaikh Md. Abdullah in that characteristic style of theirs.

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According to details published in Karachi of the "heavy bombing and strafing raids" carried out on August 24 against Gilgit by the I.A.F., exactly 14 bombs were dropped and they fell on civil quarters and hospitals including a woman's ward in one hospital

We should call it a miracle of Pa—the "Azad Kashmir Government" that the "enemy's" bombs and bullets should get unerringly diverted to civilians, the sick and the maimed and especially the woman patients

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The United Nations says a Lake Success message, is making preparations to appoint the 20 military observers requested by the U.N. Commission on India and Pakistan in anticipation of the 'cease fire' order in Kashmir.

This is what we call the strategy of optimism.

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Mr. Trygve Lie admitted in connection with the above that the U.N. had "some plans" but added that there was no urgency as it appeared that the Commission was "having some difficulties" in obtaining the 'cease fire' agreement.

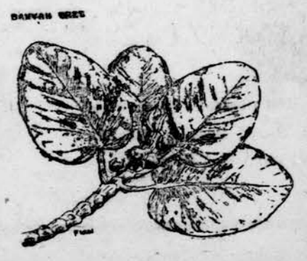
The difficulties must, of course, be from the intractable Indian side.

By the way, we knew months ago that the United Nations had "some plans".

OPEN AIR

Bombay and the suburbs are fortunate in the number of beautiful trees that line their streets. The shade giving banyan is particularly welcome and is too well known to need much description. Rope-like fibrous roots hang from every branch and in the jungle each one of these, when it enters the ground, forms a new trunk, so that one parent tree can give rise to a forest acres in extent as these new trunks in their turn produce more branches. Naturally in our city streets they have to be kept trimmed.

At this time the banyan is bearing its clusters of brilliant red figs which attract numbers of birds and even squirrels to the tree, and we see crows, mynas, bulbuls and coppersmiths all revelling in the feast. These birds carry the figs off, and, as they eat, they wipe the seeds from their beaks. For this reason we find banyan seedlings growing in the most weird places —in window frames and on walls, on the summit of a tall factory chimney or often from the trunk or branches of another tree. In this last case the seedling sends its roots down to the ground and in time the young tree strangles and kills its host.



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NO LESSER HOURS FOR FACTORY WORKERS

Saxena's Amendment Lost In Indian Parliament

NEW DELHI, Aug. 26 (API)—The Dominion Parliament today continued clause-by-clause consideration of Labour Minister Mr. Jagjiwan Ram's Bill to consolidate and amend the law regulating Labour in factories. Two clauses, consideration of which had been held over from the previous day, were accepted by the House with minor amendments from the Labour Minister.

Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan moved an amendment to the clause providing that in every factory wherein more than one hundred and fifty workers are ordinarily employed adequate and suitable shelter or rest rooms and a lunch room shall be maintained for the use of the workers. Mrs. Velayudhan wanted that all factories whether they employed 150 workers or not should be called upon to provide those facilities.

Prof. Shibbanlal Saksena by an amendment desired rest and lunch rooms to be established in factories where there were 100 or more workers.

The Labour Minister opposed the amendments on the ground that very small factories could not be expected to undergo the expense of giving these facilities to their workers.

Both the amendments were rejected by the house.

To Clause 49 of the bill providing for the appointment of Welfare Officers in every factory where there were 500 or more workers, Mr. Upendranath Barman moved an amendment suggesting that instead of these officers being appointed by the employers, the Provincial Governments should appoint them. The Labour Minister did not accept the amendment, as a Welfare Officer, he said, was not meant to carry out the statutory provisions of the bill but only to be the liaison between the employer and the employees and he would not be able to perform his duties properly if he was a Government employee and consequently lacked the factory-owner's confidence.

Mr. Barman withdrew his amendment.

PLEA FOR LESSER HOURS OF WORK

Prof. Shibbanlal Saksena moved an amendment seeking to reduce the maximum weekly hours of work from 48 to 44.

In other countries like the USSR, U.S.A., New Zealand and Italy hours of work had been reduced to 42. He had suggested 44 hours in the hope that later it could be reduced to 42. "Now that we are an independent nation", said Prof. Saksena, "we must walk with the progressive nations of the world."

Mr. Gopikrishna Vijayavargiya supported the amendment.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram, opposing the amendment, said that recently hours of work were reduced in the textile industry from nine hours to eight hours. Today employers attributed the fall in textile production partly to this reduction of working hours. Logically it could be presumed that by reducing the hours of work in the textile industry, the number of workers should increase by one-eighth. This too had not happened because of the shortage of capital goods and the transport bottleneck.

The 48-hour week was in conformity with the Conventions of the International Labour Office. This country was not behind any of the other countries in that respect.

As regards the argument that the U.S.A. had introduced a 42-hour week, Mr. Jagjivan Ram said, "America is in a position to do so many thing which, by the nature of things, in our country we are not in a position to do."

"There might not be a very large reduction in production but all the same if you reduce hours of work there will be reduction in production."

Prof. Saksena said that in view of the assurance of the Minister that he himself was anxious to reduce working hours as soon as possible, he wished to withdraw his amendment. The house gave him leave to do so.

Dr. Pattabhi Sitharamayya: "It is not true that in America they have reduced the hours of work in order to reduce unemployment"?

Mr. Jagjivan Ram: "I have replied to that question already."

Mr. H. V. Kamath moved an amendment seeking to substitute the words "any one week" for "any week". He said that if linguistic experts in the House thought otherwise he would not insist on his amendment.

The Labour Minister said that his own knowledge of the English language was more meagre than that of Mr. Kamath (laughter) but he would refer Mr. Kamath to the Oxford Dictionary in support of the original wording.

Mr. Kamath: "I do not venture to question the authority of the Oxford Dictionary. Hence I am not moving any amendment." (More laughter).

A number of other amendments moved by Prof. Saksena were either withdrawn or rejected. They related among other things to hours of work for women and liberalisation of leave facilities. One of them sought to withdraw the power given to Provincial Governments to authorise employment of women between 7 and 10 p.m.

I. L. O. CONVENTION

The Labour Minister, opposing the amendment, said, "this is quite in conformity with the I.L.O. Convention being a member of the I. L. O. we cannot bring in any legislation which goes beyond the recommendations or conventions of the I.L.O. I think that this provision is very necessary". The amendment was rejected.

The House also rejected a joint amendment tabled by Prof. Saksena and Smt. Dakshayani Velayudhan seeking to delete the clause authorising Provincial Government to make rules permitting women to work in fish-curing or fish-sanning factories beyond the specified hours, where such employment is a necessary to prevent damage to or deterioration in any raw material.

The House adjourned till Saturday after passing 84 clauses out of 119. The amendments to the bill tabled so far run into 23 closely typed foolscap pages.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS

Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, Minister Without Portfolio, today introduced in the Indian Parliament a bill to provide for the exchange of prisoners in pursuance of the agreement with Pakistan.

On account of the wholesale exodus of non-Muslims from West Punjab, North-West Frontier Province and certain other areas of West Pakistan, says the statement of objects, it became necessary to arrange for an exchange of prisoners from these areas. Negotiations were started with Pakistan and a general agreement was arrived at. The agreement worked for some time and a large number of non-Muslim prisoners were received from West Punjab and all Muslim prisoners except about 300 were returned to Pakistan from East Punjab.

To implement and validate this exchange of prisoners the Governor-General promulgated an Ordinance on April 20 1948.

The exchange of prisoners has not been completed yet and some of the provisions of the Ordinance will have to be kept in force even after such exchange is completed. It is therefore, considered desirable to re-enact all the provisions of this Ordinance in the form of an act of the Legislature. The phesent bill, therefore, seeks to replace the Ordinance which expires in October 20, 1948, by an act."

JEWS CHARGE ARABS WITH BREACH OF TRUCE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (Reuter): Arabs viclated the Jerusalem truce 52 times during the past three days, the Jews alleged today.

The Military Commander of Jerusalem, Canadian-born Dr. Bernard Joseph, gave this figure to the Chairman of the Consular Truce Commission, Mr. J. MacDonald, American Consul-General.

Dr. Joseph claimed that Arabs in Deir Abu Thor and Mount Zion sectors, south of the old city wall on both sides of the valley, and directed automatic fire on Jewish positions. He also claimed that sniping, shelling and mortaring had taken place apart from a number of concentrated attacks.

The Israeli Army Communique today stated that during the night Arabs had shelled various Jewish districts of Jerusalem with six-pounder guns. No casualties were reported.

Arab League Charges Against Italy

CAIRO, Aug. 26 (UPA): The Arab League said today that the Arab countries must reconsider their relations with Italy.

A League memorandum charged that the Zionists were using Italy as a centre for smuggling immigrants, arms and other goods to Palestine. These activities are carried out not secretly, but openly, the memorandum said.

"Italian harbours, especially Genoa, are teeming with Jewish and other ships which sail for Zionist-held Palestine ports on the Palestine coast...The Italian Government's permission for these activities does not correspond to the friendly relations between Arab countries and Italy" the memorandum said.

Shah Of Persia For Nicosia

ROME, Aug. 25. (Reuter). The Shah of Persia left Rome by air today for Nicosia, Cyprus, on the first stage of his homeward journey after visiting Britain, France, Switzerland and Italy.

BARODA RULER IN CITY

THE GAEKWAR OF BARODA ARRIVED IN CITY BY AIR FROM NEW DELHI ON THURSDAY EN ROUTE TO BARODA. HERE HE IS SEEN RECEIVED BY SOME OF HIS STATE SUBJECTS.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ASIATICS CRIPPLED THEIR BUSINESS IN AFRICA

U. N. Receives Petitions From Four Hindu And Muslim Inhabitants

LAKE SUCCESS, August 26, (Reuter): Formal petitions of grievances from four individual Muslim and Hindu inhabitants of the Central African territory Ruanda Urandi, have been received by the United Nations.

All the four protests accuse the Belgian administering authorities of the territory of practising or permitting discrimination against the Asiatic Minority which numbers about 800 persons.

The petitions were forwarded to the United Nations by a Four-Nation Commission sent to the territory last month as part of an inspection tour of the areas that have been placed under the United Nations Trusteeship system.

In each case, the petitioner appealed in person to the Commission—and through it to the United Nations—for assistance for a personal grievance.

BUSINESS CRIPPLED

All four, however, charge generally that there has been widespread discrimination against Asiatics which has crippled their business and subjected them to false charges and even false arrest. Two inhabitants plead for help from the United Nations to intervene to prevent their forced deportation by Belgian authorities.

In one case, Muslim petitioner argued that because of a "commercial mistake" in his business relations, he was fined, imprisoned and then ordered to leave the territory where he has resided for 29 years without a criminal record.

BRITAIN DENIES UKRAINIAN CHARGES

Britain today denied Ukrainian charges that Jewish displaced persons under her control are being maltreated and living under conditions comparable to those of war criminals.

In a letter to the President of the Security Council, Sir Alexander Cadogan, British delegate to the United Nations, stated that the 8,067 registered Jewish displaced persons in the British zone of Germany and the 814 in the British zone of Austria were "free to leave the camps whenever they wish and are at liberty to see their national representatives and be repatriated whenever they wish".

The letter added: "The United Kingdom has so far given Sanctuary to some 80,000 Jewish refugees, most of whom came before the war. Since the war, my Government has provided a permanent home for some 140,000 Poles and 70,000 European voluntary workers and their dependents".

NEXT SUMMER SESSION

GENEVA, August 26, (Reuter): The United Nations economic and social Council today decided to hold its next summer session here again instead of at Lake Success.

This decision was taken against the wishes of Britain, the United States and Canada who argued strongly for political and practical reasons in favour of the Council meeting at United Nations Headquarters instead of in Europe.

STREET BRAWL FATALITY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The junction of Modi Street and Bazargate, was thrown into consternation on Thursday night when a battle-royal ensued between two rival gangs.

It was about 8-30 p.m., when passers-by found the locality suddenly set agog and people running helter-skelter to niches of safety.

In the melee that ensued between the roadside combatants, it is said, one man described as a South Indian, was stabbed and belaboured to death.

The Phalton Road Police, who arrived on the scene, picked up the body of the dead man and removed it in a Police ambulance.

Quiet was, however, soon restored in the area following the arrival of the Police.

STANDARDISATION OF CLOTH

Plan Before Production Committee

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Aug. 26

Seth Kasturbhai Lalbhai is leaving for New Delhi on Saturday to attend the Industrialists Conference. It is reliably learnt that the newly appointed Production Committee is considering a plan of standardisation of cloth. It is believed that if only 24 yards cloth is to be allowed per head per year that cloth should be durable and it is stated that according to the new plan only 25 varieties of cloth will be allowed for production. Moreover mills will not be allowed to produce various design lining and different coloured cloth.

VIVESVARAYA TO ATTEND DELHI CONFERENCE

BOMBAY, Aug. 26 (API): Sir M. Visvesvaraya, President of the All India Manufacturers Organisation, and Mr. A. D. Shroff, Director of Tata Sons, will be attending the conference of prominent Indian Industrialists at New Delhi on Sunday, August 29 called by the Government of India to discuss the economic situation in the country with particular reference to inflation in the light of the recommendations of the Economists Conference.

Mr. J. R. D. Tata, who has also been invited, is reported to be unwell and therefore, may not be attending the conference.

Madras Farewell To Lady Nye

MADRAS, August 26 (A.P.I.): The Guild of Service to which over 24 social organisations in the City are affiliated today gave a farewell party to its President, Lady Nye, on the eve of her departure from Madras.

U. P. DRIVE FOR GANDHI MEMORIAL FUND

Fortnight Collection Programme To Be Initiated

LUCKNOW, August 26. (U.P.I.): A meeting of the Provincial Branch of the Gandhi National Memorial Fund Committee was held on Wednesday evening at Government House under the chairmanship of Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. Most of the members were present. The work done so far was reviewed.

The Committee regretted that owing to many difficulties and preoccupations of local workers, the work of collection was unsatisfactory, but resolved to initiate a wide-scale programme for intensifying the collections and to dedicate exclusively the period from September 24 to October 9, normally utilised in Khadi and other activities, to collections for the Gandhi Memorial Fund.

In this connection, a detailed programme of tours by Cabinet Ministers and Congress leaders, public meetings, house to house and street collections, etc., will be chalked out.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS

It is authoritatively learnt that a sum of Rs. 22 lacs has been collected by the industrialists of Kanpur as their quota toward the Gandhi National Memorial Fund.

The collection made so far from the Districts of U. P. amounts to Rs. 15,31,000.

Gandhi Memorial Fund Collection In Bombay

BOMBAY, Aug. 26 (API): Collections to the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund in Bombay up-todate amounted to Rs. 6,78,555-14-6.

Today's collections were Rs. 2,972-4-0.

NEW DEAL FOR INDO-CHINA

Bao Dai's Talks With Bollaert In Paris

PARIS, Aug. 26 (Reuter): The French High Commissioner to Indo-China, M. Emile Bollaert, returned by air to Saigon today after a brief stay in Paris during which he conferred with Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, French Premier M. Andre Marie, and M. Paul Coste-Floret, French Minister for Overseas.

According to well-informed circles, M. Bollaert and Bao Dai discussed points of an unpublished memorandum which accompanied the June 5 Bay of Along agreement (regulating the position of Vietnam within the French Union).

The points discussed included, it was said, diplomatic representation of Vietnam, French participation in defence of the State and a number of financial and economic problems. Following these talks, Bao Dai was to confer with other representatives of the French Government.

The nature of M. Bollaert's interviews with Premier Marie and M. Coste-Floret was not disclosed, but it is thought they envisaged practical modes of application of the June 5 agreement.

On his return to Saigon, M. Bollaert will continu such negotiations with Gen-Nguyen Van Xuan, Premier of the Vietnam Provisional Government.

Last Thursday, the French Assembly endorsed the Government's policy in Indo-China as represented by the June 5 agreement. This was regarded as tantamount to a formal ratification by the French Government and as approval of M. Bollaert's policy.

British Cabinet Considers Malayan Issue

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter): A meeting of the British Cabinet today lasting 105 minutes was believed to have discussed the situation in Malaya, the slowing down of the demobilisation rate of British services and other defence questions as well as the latest position reached in the Moscow talks on Germany.

Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin presided.

Service chiefs, including Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Cunningham, First Sea-Lord and Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, were present.

NO LEVY ON CHARKHA RAW SILK

NEW DEHLI, Aug 26. (API.) The report of the Select Committee on the Silk Board Bill, presented to Parliament today by Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister of Industry and Supply, has recommended that the imposition of the cess for which provision is made in the bill be confined to filature raw silk and spun silk, thus exempting Charkha raw silk from the levy.

Membership of the Central Silk Board has bee increased.

The Committee has added a definition of spun silk, the intention being to impose a cess on the producers of such silk also.

ARMY RECRUITMENT AT BEZWADA

VIJAYAVADA, Aug. 26 (A.P.I.). : About five-hundred ex-servicemen have been recruited to the Indian army through the Regional Employment Exchange office at Bezwada, it is learnt here. More than a thousand persons approached the exchange which has been making vigrous appeals through its publicity department fer enlistment. The remaining persons, mostly civilians are expected to be recruited soon, according to the Public Relations Officer of the Exchange.

HURRICANE HOWLING ACROSS ATLANTIC

MIAMI, Florida, Aug. 26 (UPA). A tropical hurricane with winds up to 100 miles per hour is howling across the Atlantic about 400 miles northeast of Puerto Rico, the Weather Bureau reported today.

Bankers' Deputation To Nehru

NEW DELHI, Aug. 26 (UPI). Representatives of Indian Banks met in New Delhi to discuss various issues concerning the Banking Bill and the general economic situation in the country.

Later, they met the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister on deputations in order to place their viewpoints before the Ministers.

As a result, it is understood to have been decided that a small committee of the Bankers will informally meet a sub-Committee of the Select Committee of the Banking Bill with a view to explaining their viewpoints.

Aga Khan In Nairobi

NAIROBI, Aug. 26 (Reuter): The Aga Khan has cancelled all further engagements in East Africa for health reasons. He arrived here on aSturday from Zanzibar where he had been suffering from a chill.

The Aga Khan will leave for Europe by air at the week-end.

Jaora Joins Madhyabharat Union

RATLAM, Aug. 26 (UPI). The Nawab of Jaora State today handed over charge of his State to the Madhyabharat Union Government. The charge was taken over by the Madhyabharat Union Minister for Civil Supplies, in the presence of the Chief Administrator and the State Administrator.

Later the Nawob, accompanied by his Dewan, Pandit Harilal Gosalia, left for Bombay.

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WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 26 (Reuter). Messina of Italy tonight won the World Amateur Cycling Pursuit Championship with a time of five minutes 18.7 seconds beating Dupont of France (five minutes 22 seconds).

MORE REINFORCEMENTS FOR MALAYA

Guerilla Bands Cross Into Siamese Frontier

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 26 (Reuter): Two hundred men recruited in Britain are to be flown out to Malaya before the end of September to reinforce the 300 Palestine policemen now serving with the Special Constabulary fighting Communist-led guerillas.

More arms for the struggle were promised today as news of fresh conflicts came in.

A Government spokesman said the special constables would train, reinforce and lead the 15,000 Auxiliary constables recruited locally.

There would be more ammunition for the constabulary guarding rubber estates and tin mines.

MUNITIONS FROM AUSTRALIA

A Government source here said Australia had supplied additional stenguns and ammunition at Malayan request and the military were testing for Malayan use light-weight American wireless sets of which Australia had supplies.

Police and troops captured seven Chinese in a running gun-battle near Kuala Lubu Bahru, 40 miles north of here and seized arms and ammunition.

Remnants of a guerilla band who fought a battle with troops and police in Kedah State, north-western Malaya, during August 23-24, were believed to have been seen crossing the Malaya-Siam frontier early today.

A "communique" isued here said "at 1 a.m. today 30 bandits were seen moving out of Cherok bunting towards the Weng area and crossing the Cherok Betika along a path leading to Siam."

The "communique" also reported two skirmishes with guerillas in Perak State, one in Perlis State and one in Negri Semmbilan State.

A young Chinese was sentenced to death at Selangor Assizes today for carrying arms. He was the tenth to be sentenced to death for this offence under the emergency regulations.

IN BURMA

From Burma the important town of Twante, at the mouth of the canal which carries Rangoon's food supplies, was reported "safe" today after being occupied by Communist guerillas for several hours on Tuesday.

Troops and gunboats raced to the port, 20 miles south-west of here, yesterday after insurgents had fired on several launches of the former British owned Irrawaddy Flotilla Company.

Canal shipping resumed today.

Premier Thakin Nu left Rangoon yesterday for the rice port of Bassein, another recent trouble spot 90 miles west of the Capital, to confer with Col. Saw San Po Thin, Commander of the Irrawaddy Delta Area.

AGREEMENT ON BORDER PATROL

Government sources in Kuala Lumpur today confirmed that arrangements allowing the mutual crossing of the Malayan-Siamese border by either police or Government officials had been effected between the two Governments in addition to an agreement on the establishment of a British Consulate at Singgora.

They denied, however, that the agreement was applicable to military and police patrols in pursuit of Communist fugitives.

The Malayan Government was understood to have intiated the discussions which led to agreement following the receiot of reports that about 1,500 Chinese were encamped in various places across the border in Siam.

Mr. D. C. Watherson, Secretary for Malayan internal security, flew to Singgora a week ago for discussions with the Siamese Chief Police and Inspecting Commissioner for South Siam.

U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS TO AID BRITISH

WASHINGTON, August 26 (UPI): Shipments of 50,000-dollar worth of small arms and ammunition to Malaya are being approved by the United States to help the British in their fight against the Communist guerillas, it was learned here today. The ammunitions were bought by Chinese and Malayan firms for U. S. Companies holding rubber and tin concessions in Malaya. These shipments have already been made by air after the State Department's approval in the last two months.

ATTACK ON DUTCH AND FRENCH COLONIAL POLICY

"New Statesman And Nation" Criticises Deals To Indonesia And Indo-China

LONDON, August 26. (Reuter): The Governments of France and Holland were criticised for their policies in Indo-China and Indonesia respectively in the current issue of the leftwing "New Statesman and Nation".

The new French and Dutch Governments are both continuing the ostrich-like Colonial policies of their predecessors, the "New Statesman and Nation" said.

M. Marie's, the French Premier, ambiguous statement which has the effect of postponing a debate on French policy towards Viet-Nam can only lower the prestige of his Government amongst thoughtful people in France.

Referring to Indonesia, this London weekly said with the lamentable connivance of the United Kingdom and the United States representatives, the Dutch are manoeuvring the United Nations Committee of "Good Offices" into an instrument for the subjugation of the Republic.

They hope to present the world with a United States of Indonesia that is neither sovereign nor independent in any real sense.

INDO-EAST PAKISTAN BORDER INCIDENT

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of the police party and have requested their immediate release."

E. BENGAL ALLEGATION

DACCA, Aug. 25 (API)—Official sources in East Bengal stated today that a party of West Bengal Police, consisting of one sub-inspector, one head and eleven constables, while travelling by steamer on the Ganges in East Bengal territory, had been arrested by the East Bengal police for refusing to stop for customs purposes and firing upon a party of East Bengal police without provocation, according to reports received here. The steamer had also been detained.

These official sources said: 'On Sunday last the I.G.N.R. steamer "Ava" passed within East Bengal territory near Golaghari Ghat (Rajshahi District) but when called upon to stop for customs check, declined to do so, and went on to Lalgola Ghat. On the following day the same steamer came towards Godagari Ghat in East Bengal territory and again refused to halt for customs check. An East Bengal police force consisting of one subedar, and eight constables then "gave chase" to the steamer in a launch and stopped it at a place three hundred yards from Golghari Ghat, close to the Rajshahi Bank of the River. When the launch carrying the East Bengal police force approached the steamer, it was fired at. None of the East Bengal police party was injured. Boarding the other steamer the East Bengal police arrested the West Bengal police party, against whom a case has been instituted under Section 307, IPC. A Sikh officer, stated to belong to the Mercantile Marine office, who was "directing the operations of the West Benfal Party" was however not arrested and was allowed to proceed to Calcutta by train.

Pakistan Plane Detained At Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Aug. 26 (API)—A Royal Pakistan Air Force dakota, which came here to carry supplies of liquid chlorine left for Karachi yesterday after its crew had been detained here for some time.

The plane which had arrived at Dum Dum aerodrome on Tuesday evening, was understood to have been bound for Dacca when prior intimation of its flight was received. But its crew stated on arrival at Dum Dum that their destination was not Dacca. As the aerodrome authorities considered it necessary to reconcile the discrepancy, the crew were detained on suspicion until this was done.

Later the chlorine supplies were made available to the Dakota, which took off in the afternoon.

A press note issued by the Pakistan Ministry of Health in Karachi last night stated that the plane had gone to Calcutta in pursuance of a permit obtained from the Government in May.

The press note added that a Royal Pakistan Air force dakota flew to Calcutta on August 24 for this purpose with the previous permission of the Government of India. The crew was detained at Dum Dum Airport on Wednesday morning by the local police, and was kept in jail custody. When this information was received, the Pakistan Government took up the matter with the authorities in India. It was ascertained from the Government of West Bengal at 2 p.m. that after a reference to Delhi that the crew of the aircraft had been released.

The press note concluded by saying that the Pakistan Government would "take up this matter strongly with the Government of India."

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MOHMED ZAKIR JANGLI QUERSHI was convicted for attempting to transport cloth and sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 2,000 or four months' rigorous imprisonment.

VICTOR MASCARENHAS was convicted for selling bread at higher price and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 500 or four months' rigorous imprisonment.

FAKRUDDIN KADERBHAI and LAKHRAJ LALA ISHWARDAS were convicted for attempting to transport cloth. The former was sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment and the latter to one day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,500 or six months' rigorous imprisonment in default.

NEW GOVERNOR FOR HONAN

Nanking Drive Against Communists

SHANGHAI, Aug. 26 (Reuter): In a major move to restore peace to war-devastated Honan Province, the Chinese Government today appointed Gen. Chang Cheng, one of the ablest Commanders in the National Army, as Governor of the Province.

Government despatches today reported that their troops were rapidly closing in to re-capture the recently-lost strategic city of Laohokow, in north-west Hupeh, and the rice centre of Fowyang, in north-west Anhwei.

KUOMINTANG MAY SPLIT

NANKING, Aug. 26 (UPA): The 50-year-old Kuomintang Nationalist Party founded by Sun Yat Sen, may split into two parties before the end of the year, a high party source said today.

CHINA'S FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION

SHANGHAI, Aug. 26 (Reuter): President Chiang Kai-Shek today decreed tax increases to straighten out the nation's finances as part of the reforms initiated with the new currency.

Details of the higher rates were not yet available but it as unofficially reported that these would apply to customs, salt, business income and inheritance levies.

A surtax of 40 per cent reports said would be imposed on the customs tariff and increased duties would be put on luxuries.

FREEZING PRICES

The Cabinet while approving the tax increases felt that they would not have the effect of stabilising prices and decided to continue freezing commodity prices at the August 19 level.

BATTLE FOR CITY OF BOMBAY

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formed into a separate independent Province in case it was decided to re-distrubute the existing province of Bombay into separate Provinces on a linguistic basis.

The resolution characterised as "unreasonable and untenable" the claim made for the inclusion of Bombay in Maharashtra and expressed its strong opposition to this agitation.

Moving the resolution, Mr. A. D. Shroff said that Bombay represented in a minature form the whole of India by virtue of its extreme cosmopolitanism and its national character. He argued that on the strength of political, economic and cultural considerations and on account of its strategic position, Bombay should remain an independent province and should not form part of any other province.

Mr. Shroff was emphatic in his view that there should be no further vivisection of the country into more provinces and he said that there should be no compromise on this issue. He considered it unfortunate that a new form of communalism, more vicious in character, namely, extreme provincialism, should crop up in a free India.

Prof. C. N. Vakil, in a well-argued and cogent speech in support of the resolution, said that historically, culturally, economically and strategically Bombay could not form part of Maharashtra. Only 39 per cent of the population in Bombay were Maharashtrians which meant that non-Marathi-speaking percentage was larger. He described the argument that historically Bombay was part of Maharashtra as "palpably ridiculous". The very fact that Poona was selected as the headquarters of the Maharashtra University proved that Bombay was not part of Maharashtra educationally.

Taking the financial aspect into consideration, Prof. Vakil said that it was on the surplus revenue of Bombay City that other parts of the Province lived. If Bombay was linked to Maharashtra other units of the Province would be deprived of this advantage.

Strategically, Bombay would become the first shipping centre and the main airport in the country. Further, Bombay was the single largest contributor of revenues to the Central Exchequer by way of Customs and Income-tax, he said.

To link such an important city with any other province would not be in the larger national interest, Prof. Vakil maintained.

Dr. Alban De Souza and Mr. Sarabhai Pratap Rai supported the resolution.

COMMITTEE TO DRAFT REPLIES

The meeting appointed a Committee consisting of 78 members to draft the reply to the questionnaire issued by the Linguistic Provinces Commission, to give evidence to views expressed at the meeting and to take such other steps as might be necessary to secure the implementation of the adopted resolutions.

Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas was elected President, Sir H. P. Mody, Mr. M. C. Setalvad, Mr. Ramdas Kilachand Mr. S. A. Brelvi and Dr. Jos Alban D'Souza, Vice-Presidents, and Mr. C. C. Shah, Mr. C. L. Gheevala and Mr. Nanak Motwani, Hon. Secretaries.

Akola League Leaders Resign

(From Our Correspondent)

AKOLA, Aug. 25 (By Mail).

Two resignations from the Muslim League membership have been tendered to day.

Mr. Mohammad Usman Faruqi, the Secretary of the District Muslim League and a member of the Provincial Working Committee and the Council tendered his resignation to the President to day.

Mr. Shahbaz Khan Shawk, who was Secretary of the City Muslim League Akola and member of the Council has also resigned.

AGRA DISTRICT DECLARED COMMUNALLY DISTURBED AREA

LUCKNOW, Aug. 26 (API).—The entire area within the limits of the Agra City Municipality and Cantonments has been declared for three months to be in a disturbed state according to a Gazette Extraordinary. The District of Agra has been declared to be communally disturbed area for the same period.

Thomas Report X-Rayed

REGULATION OF STOCK MARKETS IN INDIA

Bombay Exchange Resents Attacks On Standards Of Commercial Morality

The Bombay Stock Exchange has formulated its views in a 38-page booklet on the Report submitted by Dr. P. J. Thomas on the "Regulation of Stock Markets in India." The following is a summary of the views expressed by the Exchange:

At the outset the Exchanges must protest against the unwarranted and baseless attacks contained in the Report on standards of stock market commercial morality and on the 'bona fides' of the Governing Board of this Exchange and the members in general. No attempt is made to substantiate these allegations and the Exchange deplores such gross abuse of a prvileged position.

The Report not only draws its language, accents and inspiration but also borrows its facts from American publications as, e.g., in its detailed references to margin trading, large over-the-counter markets run by outsiders, etc. The assumptions underlying the Report rest principally on this misconceived American analogy and are therefore untenable.

INEXPLICABLE IGNORANCE

While the descriptive history of the Report is in the main adequate, it reveals an inexplicable ignorance, if not deluded misunderstanding, of stock market machinery and technique, e.g., of trading methods, Budla, put-through business, etc. Its conclusions are, therefore, invalid.

The attempt made in the Report to evaluate the functions performed by the stock market in recent years is vitiated by its failure to realise that the period has been an abnormal one. The influence of inflation, of Government policies—monetary and otherwise—and of the revolutionary transformation of the political, economic and social fabric of the country is almost entirely ignored. As a result, the Report perpetrates astonishing economic fallacies.

SELF-CONDEMNED

The analytical part of the Report shows a curious lack of control over elementary statistical methods. Properly interpreted, the data contained in the Report refutes its conclusion that stock prices in India have been fluctuating wildly and violently because of manipulation by speculators. On the contrary, the data proves that the trend of share values recorded in the Indian share market was the right trend and that the apparent fluctuations were not the artificial fluctuations caused by erratic market manipulations, but the true fluctuations inherent in the economic conditions of the country which it was the duty and the prime function of the stock market to reflect and to record.

As a result, the Report is basically unsound in its assessment of the various proposals relating to stock market reform. Nor does it throw light on any new fact or circumstances of sufficient import to call for a revision of the views the Exchange has expressed on such proposals from time to time.

MILITARY CONTROL FAVOURED

Briefly, the Exchange favours and has advocated for more than a decade all-India legislation and unitary control. Had this been done before now as advised by the Exchange, there would have been a check on 'kerb' trading and 'katni' markets and the extravagant speculation of the war period would have been restrained. The experience of Defence of India Rule 94-C has shown that the distinction between Ready and Forward Delivery is a legal fiction and that Budla which is an integral part of the trading system cannot be abolished. A system of margins would be really in the interest of brokers as they would be protected, but as the recent failure of such an experiment on the East India Cotton Association has clearly proved, no practical system administratively enforceable can be devised. Even if some elaborate legislation impinging seriously on accepted methods of trade, commerce and finance is attempted, it would be of little avail as funds employed in the Indian stock market are largely derived from private sources. With all that, as the 1945-46 American experience has demonstrated, even a 100 per cent margin would not check speculation. Nor would abolition of blank transfers be a remedy. It would stimulate unhealthy business for differences through reversal of contracts before the end of each settlement and at the same time it would destroy the qualities of high degree of negotiability and safety for dealings which are the prime pre-requisites for dealings in the stock market and the commercial world.

THE REMEDY

The Exchange is, therefore, reinforced in its conclusion, that the best results would be obtained by orderly trading on a fortnightly basis with a common code of business rules and a uniform set of listing regulations for all Stock Exchanges. This should be combined with suitable amendment of the Indian Companies Act in the matter of company promotions ,underwriting and new capital issues; stock market dealings by Directors, managing agents and other officers; and publication of periodical progress reports, financial statements and similar other information. The administration of such a simple and flexible piece of central legislation should be in the hands of a senior Government officer with expert knowledge and appropriate qualifications and experience.

CUMBERSOME AND TOP-HEAVY

It would be cumbersome and top-heavy to appoint a National Investment Commission and dangerous to arm it with the power to regulate stock market prices. The suggestion that there should be a Sales Tax is suicidal. The existing Stamp Duty on Stock Exchange transactions is nothing but a turnover tax on both purchases and sales and as conclusively demonstrated in the letter addressed by the Exchange to the Finance Minister, Bombay, on the 29th April, 1948, the urgent question is one of effecting a substantial reduction in that duty and not of levying increased taxes.

The proposed all-India legislation should be drafted unobsessed by emotional prejudices. As the subject is technical, it would be desirable for Government to frame such legislation in consultation and collaboration with Stock Exchanges and with their full co-operation.

NO SALARY FOR STRIKE PERIOD

Central Bank Secretary's Statement

BOMBAY, Aug. 26 (API): The Secretary of the Central Bank of India in Bombay stated today that the calling off of the strike of the Bank's employees in Calcutta was unconditional, and no terms had been accepted by the Bank's management before the strike was called off.

No salary would be paid to the Calcutta employees for the period of the strike, he stated. "However, the usual increase due in July 1948 for all employees and the increased dearness allowance previously sanctioned by the Board of Directors of the Bank for all offices throughout India and Pakistan, which were kept in abeyance in case of Calcutta employees till the strike was called off, will now be paid". the Secretary added.

Mr. Mrinal Kanti Bose, Chairman of the Council of Action of the Central Bank of India Employees Association, has stated in a statement in Calcutta on August 24, that the strike had been called off following "negotiations" between himself and Mr. H. C. Captain, Managing Director of the Bank, and "the terms included no victimisation, implementation of the award of the tribunal to the fullest extent, increments in salary for all employees to come into effect from July 1948, and grant of dearness allowance on a proportionate ratio to the salary".

HAVILDAR IBRAHIM WAGES ONE-MAN BATTLE

Wins His Objective, But Succumbs To Enemy Bullet On Kashmir Front

SRINAGAR, Aug. 25 (UPI): From the high mountain peaks and labyrithine paths of the Uri-Chakothi Sector comes the thrilling story of the gallant action of a Madrasi Muslim, Havildar Sheikh Mohammed Ibrahim, who distinguished himself in an engagement somewhere south of Uri, writes the U.P.I. correspondent.

A part of Indian troops was on patrol duty in this area when at a particular point they came under enemy cross-fire. Without waiting for the orders of his Company Commander, Havildar Ibrahim who was leading the foremost party, snatched a brengun from one of his men and dashed forward towards enemy positions. Going up towards the right, he attacked an enemy bunker and killed three of its occupants, and turning towards the left, he neutralised enemy machine guns and killed two enemy machine gunners. While thus engaged, he got a bullet wound and succumbed to the injuries.

Because of his brave leadership, initiative and drive, the Indian patrol was able to get its objective in a lightning manner and captured an enemy position.

The story has also been received of the gallant action of Dr. Trilok Chand Prabhakar of the Indian Army Medical Service in the Uri-Chakothi area. In spite of his Company Commander's warning, he ran forward through a hail of enemy bullets and gave first-aid to four wounded soldiers whom he had earlier succeeded in pulling out to a safer place. While thus engaged, he himself got a bullet hit, but luckily it pierced through his ammunition belt and he was miraculously saved.

SECURITY ACT VIOLATED

Case Against W. Bengal Communist M.L.A.

CALCUTTA, Aug. 26 (API): Mr. Jyoti Bose, Communist member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, has been directed to be released on bail of Rs. 2,000 and three sureties for the same amount by the District Judge, 24 Paraganas. The Judge has also ordered Mr. Bose not to leave Calcutta till the disposal of the case against him and to report to the police twice each week.

Mr. Bose is being prosecuted on a charge of violating an order of the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, under the West Bengal Security Act, directing him to notify to the police any change of address 7 days in advance. It was alleged that on August 16 he left Calcutta without giving any such intimation, and was arrested the same night at Tatanagar.

Traffic Jam On Calcutta Street

CALCUTTA, Aug. 26, (A.P.I.): A traffic jam on Calcutta's Strand road, one of the worst in the history of the city, was responsible for delaying the start of the B.N.R. Mail to Bombay yesterday by an hour.

The train was scheduled to leave Howrah at 4-40 p.m. With a number of passengers due to catch the boat for the United Kingdom in Bombay. As they were unable to reach the station in the time owing to the jam the train was detained for an hour for their convenience.

Hundreds of vehicles including cars lorries trams and buses were held up in the jam for over tw hours. It was caused by the breakdown of five lorries two of them for want of petrol.

A Case For A Maritime Province Along The West Coast Of India

(Continued from Page 6.)

Nile-shvar in the Kasaragod Taluk of South Kanara District. since the Keralite population begins to preponderate in the district from near about this place. The northern limit of the province, as already stated, would be nearabout Daman. since the predominence of the Gujerati-speaking population begins to decline from this place.

The problems relating to the defence of the coastal territory north of Daman can very well be tackled by the new provinces of Gujarat and Saurashtra as well as by Cutch (which has now been incorporated in the Indian Union), since it is proposed to construct a strong naval base as well as major harbours along the coast lines of Kathiawad and Gujarat.

If, the entire coastal strip extending from Daman to Nileshvar is parcelled out among the provinces of Gujerat, Maharashtra and Karnatak, the problems relating to defence will become extremely complicated and difficult to tackle. In all cases of emergency, as even in normal circumstances, the Central Government will have to deal with four provinces for co-ordination of efforts.

(To be concluded.)

STANDARDISATION OF COAL FREIGHT RATES

New Scale To Come Into Force From September 1

A further important step in simplifying goods rates has been taken by the Indian Railways by standardising the existing rates for public coal, coke and patent fuel This step is expected to secure a more reasonable return from this traffic having regard to the greatly increased cost of operation, remove anomalies which in some cases have amounted to preferential treatment, and achieve simplification by the uniform application of a single scale with uniform terminals and transhipment charges.

The new scale will come into effect from September 1, and will supersede the existing Bengal and C.P. coal scales and the 'local' scales applied over the M. and S.M., Assam and S.I. Railways. The new scale is as under:—

0.25 pie per maund per mile for the first 200 miles,

0.07 pie per maund per mile from 201 to 400 miles,

0.06 pie per maund per mile from 401 to 1,000 miles,

0.05 pie per maund per mile beyond 1,000 miles.

Application of this scale will be subject to

(a) a minimum charge of Rs. 1/12/- per ton, and

(b) a maximum charge of Rs. 17/12/- per ton,

calculated in each case on the notified weight for charge per four-wheeled wagon.

The 30 per cent increased charge will be withdrawn from the date the new scale comes into operation, and all 'blanket' rates such as the Jharia Coalfields rate, applying on the E.I. and B.N. Railways, will also be withdrawn and all traffic will in future pay freight on the basis of the notified distance for charge. A uniform terminal charge at the rate of 3 annas per ton at each end will also be levied. The new scale will apply at Owner's Risk, the Railway Risk rate being 20 per cent higher.

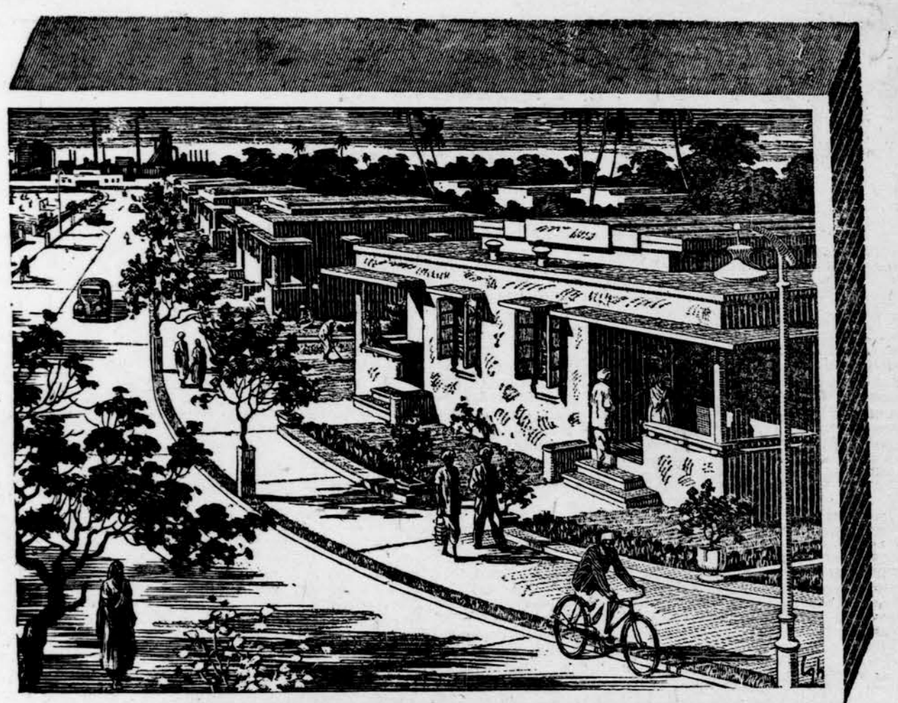
Rama Rau's Five-Day Visit To New York

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (UPA). Indian Ambassador Sir Benegal Rama Rau completed a five-day visit to New York.

He visited Mayor William O'Dwyer at the City Hall, lunched with the India League of America's J. J. Singh, visited "New York Times" Arthur S. Sulzberger, "Time" and "Life" publisher Henry Luce, and also the offices of the New York "Star", the National City Bank of New York, the Statue of Library and the Empire State building.

Multi-Vitamin Tablets Free For Children

AHMEDABAD, Aug. 26 (API): The Government of Bombay have, on the recommendation of the Nutrition Committee, offered the Ahmedabad Municipality and the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association multi-vitamin tablets free of charge in the first instance and then at concession rate for distribution among children.



LABOUR HOUSING

India is today on the threshold of vast industrial development and it is satisfactory to find that the authorities are devoting attention to the vital question of labour welfare in general, with particular emphasis on the housing problem. Cheerful, well-planned and hygienic living conditions promote the workers' health and efficiency which, in their turn, are reflected in an increased output.

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A reprint of an article entitled "Labour Housing" will be supplied free on request.

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Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON OCTOBER.

New York, August 26.

Previous closing	30.70
To-day's opening	30.72
Difference	+.02
To-day's closing	30.78
Difference	+.08

LAST QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, August 26.

Silver Bullion forward	Rs. 173-2
Silver ready	Rs. 175-2
Gold forward	Rs. 111-2
Gold ready	Rs. 115-10
Sovereign	Rs. 77-0

Expectations: Cotton Jarila Sept-Rs. 505-0.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, August 26.

Stock Exchange opening prices:
Anaconda Copper mining 36 7/8
General Motors 63 1/2
United States Steel Common 77 3/4
Ditto Preference unquoted.

London Stock Exchange

LONDON, August 26. (Reuter): There was a cheerful atmosphere in the London Stock Exchange to-day. Hopes were growing that the Moscow talks would produce a favourable turn and share prices responded to an increase in activity.

Buyers were favouring industrial leaders including store shares, tobaccos and textiles. Irons and steels were inclined to lag behind in an otherwise general upward movement.

Although prices remained firm, the oil market enjoyed less activity. Canadian Eagle new shares were quoted fully paid.

Great western Brazil railway were a strong feature in the Brazilian utility market. Others were better in sympathy.

An item of interest was provided by the possibility of early payout of Argentin railway compensation money. This amounts to some £43,000,000 and reinvestment prospects was one factor that caused a confident undertone to the markets.

South African mines moved higher. Johannesburg sent buying orders for free state issues which registered useful gains.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Aug. 26.

Cotton Sind Nt 85, Punjab 289 F 103, Lss 90 Fourf 82, Market quiet excepting for 200 bales business reported in Nt October at 77.

Exports 14313 bales.

Cottonseed Nt 8/12, Desi 9'6, Rapeseed 205 Easy.

Gold Tejabi 104, Sovereigns 73/4 Silver Coins 120. Quiet.

STOCK EXHCANGE: Pakistan State Bank 100, Habib Bank 163, Habib Insurance 73, Mohamadi steamship (Ordy) 98, Orient Airways 21, Three per cent 1950 loan 100/2.

SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 20th August 1948.

	Rs.
1. Demand Liabilities in India	
(i) Borrowings from banks	22,15,03,000
(ii) Other demand liabilities	671,73,06,000
2. Time Liabilities in India.	
(i) Borrowing from banks	51,94,000
(ii) Other time liabilities	312,01,04,000
3. Cash in India.	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	36,87,92,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	2,40,83,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	73,49,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	91,21,28,000
5. Advances in India	401,14,11,000
6. Bills discounted in India	15,64,76,000

Cutch Hundi

(From Our Correspondent.)

BHUJ, Aug. 26.

Hundi buying three ten, Hundi selling three eleven.

Gold one eleven.

Silver one five eight.

Development Councils For Two More British Industries

Two more British private enterprise industries have decided to form joint "Development Councils" in accordance with the Industrial Organisation and Development Act passed by Parliament last year. Cotton has already set up such a Council and now the furniture and jewellery industries are to do likewise.

The Councils, when approved by Parliament, will be appointed by the Board of Trade from among representatives of employers and workers, and independent persons having knowledge of industrial matters in the widest sense.

The Labour Government's Act laid down that the initiative in proposing a Council should come from the industries concerned; it should not be forced on an unwilling industry. In these cases both sides agree in principle that a Council should be established for certain sections. Willing co-operation is the essence of the whole idea.

The Development Councils derive an income from a levy on the turn-over of all the firms in each industry, but their functions are advisory only. Their objects are to furnish help and to bring industry together by promoting harmony and views likely to lead to the most efficient operation.

'Quake Shock Recorded At Colaba Observatory

POONA, Aug. 26. (API.) An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin with epicentre about 9,750 miles away from Bombay was recorded by the seismographs in the Colaba observatory at 11 hours 59 minutes. (I. S. T.) on Wednesday the 25th August 1948.

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Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent.)

HAPUR, Aug. 26.

Yesterda's closin: Silver 160/8, Gold 110/4, Gur Fagan 9/11.

Today's: Silver forward 160/12, opened 161/4, touched 160/8.

Gold forward 110/8, opened 110/12. Speculators reserved.

Gur ready 14, Fagan 9/9/7-1/2, opened 9/10/3, touched 9/11/3.

Bardana ready 108, Red 115, Asuj 104, October 114, Wheat 24 to 22, Gram 13/10, Barley 12/12, Peas 12/6, Arhar 12/6, Moong 19, Urd 20, Sargon 24/8 Mustardoil 68, Oilcake 8, Cottonseed 14/4, Groundnut 16, Oats 9/8.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Aug. 26.

Market ruled steady.

Calico opened 1158, highest 1205, lowest 1195 closed 1201.

Ambika opened 401, highest 405, lowest 397, closed 400.

Arvind opened 1405, highest 1418, lowest 1391, closed 1382.

Deferred opened 1582, highest 1596, lowest 1579, closed 1588.

Closing quotations: Calico 1201, Arvind 1385, Ambika 400, Saraspur 550, Marsden 180, Monogram 186, Jupiter 265 Mutan 497/8, Bhalakia 179, Mahalaxmi 670, Raipur 1210, Defemed 1588.

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

Steels Improve But Textiles Decline On Fears Of Levy

BOMBAY, August 26.

The Local Stock Exchange ruled very steady to-day on increased short covering. Influenced buyer delay in the anti-inflationary measures. In view of coming holidays there was less disposition to keep commitments open and nati-rally shorts were found covering their unprotected sales. This demand resulted into steady improvement in popular scripts. There was no price development and trading on the whole was limited.

Tata Steel Defd. shares opened Rs. 15 higher at Rs. 1,580. In the initial stage there was scattered selling which brought down Defd. Shares at Rs. 1,572-8 which was the lowest level for the day. This relapse induced short covering and prices readily gained 20 pts. at Rs. 1,592-8. The market steadied at this level for some time and after quoting at Rs. 1,590 made fresh upward drive at Rs. 1,598-12 Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 311 and after fluctuating narrowly steadied at Rs. 310. Bengal Steels were done at Rs. 21-6 while Indian Irons were placed at Rs. 25-15. Tata Steel Second Preference changed hands at Rs. 143-8.

In the textile section trading was restricted and price movement though confined to a narrow range was mostly irregular under mixed trading Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1,072-8 and after declining at Rs. 1,064-4 rallied at Rs. 1,068-12. Central Indias were done at Rs. 277 while Century Shares were quoted at Rs. 521-4. Finlay shares changed hands at Rs. 295 while Gokaks were quoted at Rs. 305. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 312 and after gaining one point at Rs. 313 declined at Rs. 310 and steadied at Rs. 311-8. Swadeshis were placed at Rs. 306 Simplex Shares were done at Rs. 194 and Indore Malwas were quoted at Rs. 501-4.

Central Bank Shares opened Ex. D. at Rs. 85 and after improving at Rs. 86 steadied at Rs. 85-8. Reserve Bank Shares were quoted at Rs. 113-12 and Imperials partly paid were quoted at Rs. 501-4. United Commercials were quoted at Rs. 60-12.

In the miscellaneous section business was slow. Associated Cements hovered around Rs. 61-8. Belapurs were quoted at Rs. 270 while Burmas were quoted at Rs. 412-8. Scindia Shares opened at Rs. 26-1 and quietened at Rs. 25-15. Shivrajpurs were done at Rs. 35-8 while Wimco Shares were quoted at Rs. 296-4. Alcocks were done at Rs. 317-8. Ahmedabad Electricity were quoted at Rs. 116-4 while Tata Powers were placed at Rs. 1,625.

Towards the close quieter tone prevailed and Tata Steel Dfds. reacted at Rs. 1,585 while Ordinary shares were placed at Rs. 308. Bombay Dyeings declined at Rs. 1,055 and steadied at Rs. 1,060. The market closed irregular. Tata Steel shares fared well but cotton mill shares quietened on fears of heavy levy upper loom.

FORWARD SECTION

	Rs	a.
Bombay Dyeing (12-8 17-8)	1660	0
Kohinoor Mills (6-12)	307	0
Swadeshi Mills (22)	304	0
Central India Mills (4)	274	0
Simplex Mills	192	0
New Great Eastern (10)	156	0
Gokak Mills (9 plus 3)	304	0
Indore Malwa (21)	521	4
Century Spinning (15)	523	12
Colaba Land and Mills (12)	150	0
Indian Bleaching (6)	178	0
Swan Mills (20)	335	0
Finlay Mills (15)	296	0
Morarji Goculdas	497	8
Edward Sassoon (30)	525	
Meyer Mills (12)	146	4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3	3
India United Ord. (6-12-9)	12	7
India United Defd. (6-2-6)	2	0
Madhusudan Mills (15)	241	4
Podar (8)	160	0
Khatau Makanjee (8)	257	8
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	307	8
Tata Steel Defd (64-14-1)	1587	8
Tata Steel 2nd. Pref. (7-1-2)	144	0
CEMENTS		
Associated Cement (5)	160	12
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (12-8)	410	0
Belapur Sugar (12) XR	263	0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	35	8
Scindia Steam (1-4)	25	12
Premier Construction	191	0
Tata Chemicals	15	12
Tata Oil (2)	55	0
India Iron (6-6)	25	12
Bengal Steel (08)	21	5
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Hydro (4-8)	162	8
Andhra Valley (45)	1522	8
Tata Power (50)	1625	0

Re. New Association Named

THE BOMBAY BULLION ASSOCIATION

CIRCULAR

It has been decided to form a New Association named THE BOMBAY BULLION ASSOCIATION in accordance with the recommendations of the Cabinet Committee of the Government of Bombay and its Memorandum and Articles of Associations have been already approved by the Government and a Provisional Committee of the following gentlemen has been appointed to have the said Association registered and to enroll members etc.:—

(1) Rao Bahadur Jivatlal Purtapshi,
(2) Mr. Mangaldas Kalidas,
(3) Mr. Mangubhai Trikamlal,
(4) Mr. Ratilal Chhabildas,
(5) Mr. Begraj Gupta,
(6) Mr. Prabhashankar Shukla,
(7) Mr. Shivlal Narpatlal Maniar,
(8) Mr. Champaklal Jamnadas, with Mr. S. D. Parikh as the Secretary.

It has been decided that those who are on 20th August, 1948, members of the Bombay Bullion Exchange Limited or the Marwadi Chamber of Commerce, Limited or the East India Chamber of Commerce, Limited or partners of such members in case the member is a firm or major members of a Joint Hindu Family firm or a Shareholder of the Bombay Bullion Exchange Limited can become members by applying on the necessary application form for membership before 20th September, 1948 and paying Rs. 10,000 as deposit, Rs. 1,000 as entrance fee and Rs. 200 as annual subscription. Those who are not members of any of the said Associations on the said date or those, who apply after 20th September, 1948, will have to pay Rs. 2,500 as entrance fee instead of Rs. 1,000 with their application for memberships.

If anyone desires to pay the amount of deposit in two equal instalments and if he is a Shareholder or member of any of the said Associations, he will be entitled to become an Associate member on giving Rs. 5,000 as deposit, and Rs. 1,000 as entrance fee, and undertaking to pay another instalment of Rs. 5,000 within six months if he applies before 20th September, 1948. He will be admitted as a member on his paying within six months the second instalment of Rs 5,000 for deposit, and Rs. 200/- as annual subscription and thereafter will be entitled to membership rights.

A copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association is available for inspection at the Office of the Bombay Bullion Exchange Limited.

The application forms can be had from the Offices of any of the said three Associations.

S. D. PARIKH.
Secretary

Sheikh Memon Street,
Bombay, 23rd August, 1948.

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone Mills (5)	75	0
Phoenix Mills (50)	446	4
Indian Manufacturing	4260	
Kooria Mills (5) XR	148	12
Dawn Mills (40)	1545	
David Mills (6)	19	8
New City Mills (10)	212	8
Minerva Mills (12)	161	4
Bradbury Mills (12)	709	0
Bharucha Dfd. (0-4)	5	6
Bharat Mills (2)	36	0
Mysore Spg. Mills	196	4
Madhovji Dharamsi (0-12)	15	6
Model Mills (12-8)	177	8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	702	8
Vishnu Cotton (8)	267	8
Western India (40)	4010	
Standard Mills (15)	580	
Sholapur Mills (200)	4520	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0/8)	12	8
Hindustan Mills (40)	4185	
Tata Mills (3)	69	8
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	277	8
Ahmedabad Advance New	195	
Sassoon Silk (3)	91	0
New Union Mills (0-8)	12	4
Madhusudan 8 (2/8)	47	
Shrinivas Mills	195	0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	126	4
Berar Mills	275	0
Victoria Mills	225	
Colaba Land Coupon	43	
New Great New	153	
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Ahmedabad Electric (3-8)	115	10
Ahmedabad New	13-12	
Surat Electricity (2-8)	145	0
Surat New	142	8
Karachi Electric Supply (2)	147	8
Broach (0.5)	11	0
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	13
Amalgamated (0-12)	13	4
Nagpur Electricity (1/12)	53	
Poona Electric Supply	155	0
Bombay Suburban Old (3)	150	0
Bombay Suburban New (2) XD	131	4
BANK SHARES		
Reserve Bank (2-12)	113	8
Imperial Bank of India (35)	2025	0
Imperial Bank of India (8-12)	501	4
Central Bank Old (1-8) XD	85	0
Central Bank New	86	4
Bank of India (4)	203	8
Union Bank of India	9	6
Bank of Baroda (2/8)	158	0
Habib Bank (4)	161	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	52	0
United Commercial (1-8)	60	12
Jaipur Bank (1/8)	48	
Hindustan Commercial	27	0
Mysore Bank (8)	365	
Exchange Bank	38	0
Eastern Bank	105	0
Bank of India Coupon	38	8
INSURANCE		
Oriental	5150	0
Empire	692	8
New India	64	4
Jupiter	25	0
Vulcan	13	4
Indian Mercantile (2)	44	0
Universal	11	4
B. I. G.	23	12
Industrial and Prudential	29	
Neptune Assurance		
New Great	25	
All India General	21	12
RAILWAY SHARES		
Central Provinces (1-4)	109	8
Mymensingh Rebate (2)	103	
Mymensingh Guaranteed (1/4)	103	12
Pachora-Jamner Div (2/8)	107	
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Alcock Ashdown (15)	317	8
Bombay Steamer (28)	597	8
Bombay Burma New (5)	147	8

GOLD AND SILVER

Syndicate Supports Upward Move

BOMBAY, Aug. 26.—Once again the Syndicate with some new additional members is trying to push up prices and it is feared that the discounts will be higher at the time of the settlement.

Yesterday there was active bidding up in silver prices improved at Rs. 172 from the previous day's low level of Rs. 170. Today the improvement was carried further under persistent buying by professional Bull operators. The improvement in prices induced scattered liquidation which was well absorbed at a small decline from the high level reached this morning.

At the opening forward silver was quoted at Rs. 173/12 and firmed up at Rs. 174 under Bull support. At this level there appeared moderate profit-taking and the market reacted at Rs. 173/8 and steadied at Rs. 173/12. Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 176/12.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 111/4 and quickly advanced at Rs. 111/12 under improved demand and reacted at Rs. 111/6. Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 115/14 and Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 76/8.

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	175	5	0
Forward Silver	173	5	0
Ready Gold	116	0	0
Forward Gold	111	4	0
Sovereigns	77	0	0

NEW YORK SILVER.
NEW YORK, Aug. 25.

U. S. Price of Foreign Silver 72-3/4 cents.

British Burma Petrol	1	15	9
Mackenzie (6)	90	0	
Port Canning (6)	75	8	
Kemp and Co. (New)	462	8	
Kemp and Co. (30)	475		
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150	0	0
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	99	8	
Western India Match (7-5)	293	12	
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	34	4	
Mukund Iron	10		
Dena Trust (0/12)	21		
Alembic Chemical (15) X. R.	205	0	
Supreme India	123	12	
Jam Wire (6)	73	0	
Bombay Uganda	69		
Bombay Motor Cycle	42	0	
Walchand Nagar Industries	210	0	
United Motor	74		
Associated Cement New (1-4)	100	12	
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	910		
Hydary Construction	19	8	
Mahmadi Steam	96	8	
Gujarat Motor	25		
Sardar Carbonic	750		
Harvey Press	310		
Estrela Batteries	51	4	
Prince of Wales Press	610	0	
Manmad Press	120	0	
PREFERENCE SHARES			
Tata Steel 1st (6)	192	8	
Andhra Valley (7)	1310	0	
Tata Power (7-8)	1392	8	
Hydro Electric (7)	130	0	
Bombay Steamer (6)	307	8	
Central India (5)	645	0	
Swadeshi Mills	146		
Vishnu Mills (7)	647	8	
Lakshmi Mills	277	8	
New Great Mills (5/8)	222	8	
Poddar Mills (4)	105	0	
Shrinivas Mills	98		
Elphinstone Mills (7)	113	2	
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	379	6	
Surat Electricity (3/4)	131		
Premier Construction 1st (6)	120	0	
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	121	4	
Amalgamated (5/8)	123	2	
Habib	72		
Tata Chemical (5)	137	8	
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	160	0	
Jupiter General	19	14	
Supreme	120		
Meyer	121		
Mackenzie 1st	127	8	
Mackenzie 2nd	125	0	
Ahmedabad Advance	132	8	
Mysore Mills	50		
Standard Mills	101		
Madhusudan Mills	12		
Khatau Mills	105		
DEBENTURES			
Andhra 1952 (4)	103	8	
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	105	4	
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	111		
Tata Power 1951	103		
Walchand Nagar (6)	117		
OUTSIDE SHARES			
Indian Copper (2-7)	2	9	6
British India Corporation (0-10)		7	14
Burma Corporation		3	4
New Victoria Mill		3	12
Phalton Sugar (8)	123	8	
Gold Mohur (20)	325		
New Kaiser-i-Hind	375		
Sajjan Mills (3)	225		
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	1	1	
Azam Jabi Mills (10)	260	0	
Air Service	10	14	
Ambica Air Lines	16	14	
Air India	152	8	
Hind Motor	6	0	
Indian Steam	11	1	

GOVERNMENT LOANS

2 1/4 per cent 1954	98	14
2 1/4 per cent 1950	101	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97	4
2 3/4 per cent 1960	100	
2 3/4 per cent 1962	100	2
2 3/4 per cent 1976	98	14
3 per cent Non-Terminable	99	2
3 per cent 1986 Con	99	8
3 per cent 1949-52	100	0
3 per cent 1951-54	102	11
3 per cent 1953-56	102	13
3 per cent 1957	102	12
3 per cent 1959-61	101	15
3 per cent 1963-65	101	1
3 per cent 1966-68	100	6
3 per cent 1970-75	100	6
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	105	6
4 per cent 1948-53	101	4
4 per cent 1960-70	110	11
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	104	8
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	112	6
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68	116	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS		
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	89	0
2 3/4 per cent U. P. 1961	98	0
3 per cent Punjab 1949	98	14
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8
3 per cent Bombay 1958	101	12
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100	6
3 per cent N. W. F. 1952	99	10
3 per cent U. P 1961-66	100	2
4 per cent Bombay Municipality D	111	0
5 per cent Bom. Muni 1959	115	0
6 per cent Bom. Muni 1954	116	0
3-1/4 per cent Municipality 1977	101	8
6 K. P. T.	114	0

BOMBAY COTTON

Lower Basis Induces Short Covering

BOMBAY, August 26.—The local cotton market was fairly steady today under moderate covering induced by lower basis fixed for September tenders. A section believes that lower basis will result into few tenders as no holder of actual cotton will like to part at lower prices than those ruling in the spot market.

This impetus may have temporary effect. It is true that the market is oversold in view of lower floor prices And there was increased hedge selling.

In the absence of trading facilities for new crop months it is almost impossible to find buyers and heavy selling pressure on an unwilling market resulted in the collapse of the price structure.

Traders are anxiously awaiting for commencement of business in new crop months.

The market opened today steady showing a gain of Rs. 3 from the previous close level and Rs. 8 from the extreme low level reached yesterday. September was quoted at Rs. 505 and soon advanced at Rs. 514 under active short covering. At this level demand was satisfied and the market declined at Rs. 508 under renewed selling but recovered at Rs. 512 on moderate support.

Later on trading was restricted and September after declining at Rs. 509, steadied at Rs. 510.

The day's highest was Rs. 515 and lowest was Rs. 504. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. September 511 0 0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton September Cotton is 1124 cent points below New York October at Exchange rate 331.

COTTON BASIS.

Vijay 3/4	+170
Jarilla 25/32	+ 40
Jarilla 13/16	+ 85
Jarilla 27/32	+105
Jarilla 7/8	+125
4 F 3/4	+ 65
Suratee 7/8	+315

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.
BOMBAY, Aug. 26.

Gadag	675
Adoni	575
Raichur	505
Vijay	715
Kalagin	525
Bengal	440
4 F	605

Imperial Bank Of India

The following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 20th August:—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
CAPITAL:—	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,25,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings bank, Current and other Accounts	288,63,29,000
Sundries	80,80,000
Total Rs.	301,31,59,000

ASSETS. Rs.

INVESTMENTS:— Government Securities	153,58,04,000
Other Authorised Investments	10,17,77,000
ADVANCES:— Loans	18,23,02,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	54,88,01,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	4,41,45,000
Dead Stock	1,54,71,000
Sundries	1,33,06,000
CASH:— In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	50,57,97,000
Balances with other Banks	6,57,56,000
Total Rs.	301,31,59,000

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, Aug. 25.

	£
Consols	77-1/4
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 Ex. Dividend	104-3/4
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	103-9/16
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	114-1/8
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	121-1/2
National Bank of India	34-3/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,649.

PRODUCE MARKET

Groundnut Prices Decline

BOMBAY, Aug. 26.—The produce market was quietly steady today with moderate business. Castorseeds May delivery opened today at Rs. 123/4 and declined at Rs. 122/4. At this level there was scattered buying and the market improved at Rs. 122/14. Linseed market was quiet under absence of support. It appears that the market is keeping dull around present level and owing to absence of rains in several districts sellers are cautious. Groundnuts were also quiet and quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS:			
Khandesh quality	31	4	0
Coromandal ready	30	12	0
Bold	30	4	0
December-January	28	6	0
CASTORSEEDS:			
Ready	30	8	0
May	122	6	0
LINSEEDS:			
Ready	26	0	0
September	26	8	0
November-December	27	0	0
OILS:			
Groundnut ready receipt	17	14	0
Groundnut September	18	3	0
Groundnut October	17	14	0
Groundnut November	17	2	0
Groundnut December	16	14	0
Groundnut January	17	1	0
Linseed oil	18	6	0
Castorseed First Pressing	18	8	0
Castorseed Commercial Quality	16	8	0

PRODUCE RECEIPTS.
BOMBAY, Aug. 26.

Cotton	310
Linseed	1412
Groundnuts	7582
Gram	1048
Castorseeds	1247
Mahuda	1302
Cottonseed	854
Sugar	3097
Poppyseed	269

ITALIAN ART-SILK YARN.
BOMBAY, Aug. 26.

	Rs	as.	p.
150 D. August	4	6	9
150 D. September	4	6	0
150 D. Ready	4	7	0
120 D. Ready	4	6	0

20/22 YELLOW SILK.

August	25	1	0
September	26	4	0
Ready	26	1	0

HESSIAN MARKET.
BOMBAY, Aug. 26.

45 X 11 PER GOLD.			
Ready	108		
July/Sept.	109-1/4		
Oct./Dec.	111		
BAGS D. W.			
Ready	117	0	0
July/Sept.	116	0	0
Oct./Dec.	115	0	0

PEPPER PRICES.
BOMBAY, Aug. 26.

Bhadarva	200 to 202
Aso	197 to 199

METAL MARKET.
BOMBAY, Aug. 26.

	Rs.		
Tin Aso	61	12	0
Copper Aso	91	4	0

SUGAR MARKET.
BOMBAY, Aug. 26.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Extra Big	122	0	0
Medium	110	8	0
October	37	7	0
January	31	11	0

Worth Street Prices Lean Towards Soft Side

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (U. P. A.): Apart from the steadiness in sheeting constructions created by continued trade inquiry, prices in other divisions of the Worth Street leaned toward the soft side.

Garment manufacturers and converters, looking ahead to the bumper cotton crop, continued to hold prices to a hand to mouth basis and observers felt the current lull would continue until after the Labour Day or the September Government crop estimate.

In prints, first hand sources held prompt deliveries on 39-inch 80 square four yard construction around 24-1/2 but converters indicated that price shading would be possible on a firm bid for a "reasonable yardage".

Lower prices developed for drills, twills and jeans.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

MILLS
BOMBAY, Aug. 26.

Apollo 3/3 3/3/6 3/3
B. Dyeing 1072/8 61/4 68/122 55 60
C. India 2/8 13/8 74
Century 520 23/12
Colaba 153/12 50
Elphinstone Ord. 75
Finlay 296 95 96
Gakak 306/8 7 5 6 4
I. U. Defd 2/0/9 2/0/6 2/1 2
I U. Ord. 12/12 12/10 12/11 12/7
Indore 500 2/8 498/12 517/8 12/8 31/4
Khatau 258/12 57/8
Kohinoor 312 13 10 11/8 6 7
Laxmi 602/8
Madhavji 15/6
Meyer 146/4
Model 177/8
New Great 156
Podar 160
Simplex 195 92
Swadeshi 306 7 5/8 6 4
Tata Mills 69/8
Vishnu 267/8
C. P. Rly. 109/8

BANKS
Baroda 158
Central 85 86 85
Imperial Old 2025
Imperial New 501/4
India 203/8
Reserve 113/8
Union 9/6
U. Commercial 60/12

ELECTRIC
Ahmedabad 116/4 15/10
Andhravalley 1522/8
Suburban 150
Surat 145
Karachi 147/8
Hydro 163 62/8
Hydro Pref. 130
Power 1625
Power Pref 1392/8

INSURANCE
Empire 692/8
New India 64 64/4

STEAMER
B. Steam 600 597/8
Scindia 26/1 225/12

STEEL
B. Steel 21/8 21/5 21/6 21/5
I. Iron 26 25/13 25/15 25/11 25/12

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HOLIDAYS IN SHARE BAZAR

August 28th—Gokul Ashtami.
September 2nd—Parsi New Year First Day.
September 3rd—Parsi New Year & Mahavir Jayanti.
September 6th—Ganesh Chaturthi.
September 7th & 8th—Jain Holidays.

Tata Defd. 1580 72/8 95 90 98/12 80 87/8
Tata Ord. 311 11/8 9/8 10 9/8 10 7 7/8
Tata 1st Pref. 192/8
Tata 2nd Pref. 143/8 44

MISCELLANEOUS
Alcock 316/4 18/12 17/8
A.C.C. Old 161 8 61/4 61/8 60/12
A.C.C New 101/4 100/12
Belapur 271 72 69 70 63
B. B. Old 411/4 13/12 10
B. B. New 147/8
B. B. Petrol 2/1 1/15/9
I. Bleaching 178
F. Const. 191 91/8 91
Shivrajpur 36/8 35/8
Tata Chem. 15/13 15/11 15/12
Tata Pref. 135 37/8
Tata Oil 55 55/4 55
Walchandnagar 210
Wimco 296/4 92/8 95 93/12
Dharamsey 34/4

SPECIAL
India Bank Coupon 39 39/8 38/8
Vishnu Cotton Pref. 647/8
Ahmedabad Elec New 13/12 13/4 13/12
All India Gen. Ass. 21/12

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.
BOMBAY, Aug. 26.

Tata Ordinary 307/8; Tata Deferred 1580/8; Indian Iron 25/12; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 21/5; Bombay Dyeing 1060; Central India Ex. 85; Gokak 304/6; Kohinoor 306/14; Simplex 192; Swadeshi 303/12; Tata Power 1625; Associated Cement 160/12; Belapur 263/2; Bombay Burma (Old) 410; Scindia 25/12; Central Bank 85/2; New India 64/4; Tata 2nd Pref. 143/12.

Skipping News

IMPORTS

M. V. AMRA

From Gothenburg:—152 bales paper, 488 bales news print paper, 205 bales printing paper, 165 bales bleached wood form poster paper, 1576 cases nails, 56 cases cinema machines, 615 cases steel hinges, 167 cases belt hinges, 334 cases hinges, 159 cases screws, 95 cases bolts and nuts, 29 cases electric machinery, 85 crates extra level boards, 86 bales penelbounds, 41 bales males cardboardds, 25 drums chlorate of soda, 230 cases electrodes, 400 rates corrugated boards, 110 cases chlorate of potash, 1677 cases birchwood, 60 crats pointseed, 3525 cases birch square, 730 cartoons beer, 671 bales news print.

From Oslo:—2215 bales paper, 1462 bales news print paper, 191 bales writing paper, 65 bales poster paper, 33 bales sulphite paper, 66 bales glazed bleached boards, 52 bales manila boards, 133 bales white breached duplex boards, 550 bags collulose extract tin powder, 396 cases nails, 291 bales card boards.

From Lisbon:—37 white argenic powder, 135 bags corkdesks, 175 bags corks, 30 crates anglomerated cork sheets, 1260 ctus cork board.

From Port Sudan:—566 bags dominuts, 922 bales cotton.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT
S.S. JEHANGIR

To Jeddah:—5 cases aluminium ware—Jeewanlal (1929) Ltd.

S. S. BHADRAWATI.

To Karachi:—300 bags jagree and 50 bags jagree seed. V. Narayandas.

S. S. GURNA.

To London:—10 cases tanned crucalf skins. The United Provinces Tannery Co., Ltd.

S. S. VIRGINIA MAY.

To Karachi:—150 bdls bichilares—J. Liladhar; 10 bales cotton piecegoods N. Textiles.

S. S. DARA.

To Karachi:—20 bags drugun—H. M. H. Abdul Rehman; 50 bags sugar candy—A. H. P. Eseak.

S. S. BARPETA.

To Karachi:—119 bdls aluminiam ware—Jeewanlal (1928) Ltd.; 62 bags coffee—India Coffee House; 10 bags turmeric—H. Eseak; 11 cases tanned cow hides—G. M. Auswant.

S. S. RIVERCLARENCE

To Colombo—100 bags corriander seed—M. A. Mullic and Co.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS.

"PINJARRA" from London in general 5,400 tons on 26th afents (M. M. & Co.).

DEPARTURES.

"RAJPUT" for Calcutta with general cargo 4,744 tons on 26th August.
"JAYHIND" for Bhavnagar with general 1,700 tons on 25th August.
"TAVRINIA" for Treeste with general 600 tons on 25th August.
"OZARDA" for Calcutta with general 3,000 tons on 25th August.

Madras Share Market

MADRAS, Aug. 26.

The Madras market continued dull with very little business. There was practically no deal in plantings except a solitary transaction in Pullangode at Rs. 1/4. Textiles were neglected. Lakshmis alone being done at Rs. 66/8.

The market closed dull.

The following are today's quotations in the stock exchange:

Government of India loan: 3 per cent 1986 99/8.

Government of India loan 3 per cent 1970/75 100/7.

Government of Travancore 3 per cent 1952/54 103/0/6.

Government of Madras three per cent 1960 101.

BANKS: Travancore 22.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 17/12 Mysore 51/4.

PLANTINGS: Chembras 5/12 Devashola 17/8, Nellimapathys 1/7/6 Pullangode 1/4 Thirumbadi 2/6 T R and T Co 6/14 Vaikundam 7/5.

TEXTILES: Balasubramania 38/8 Buckinghams 176 Buckinghams Pref 196 Cambodias 9/11 Coimbatore Cm 90/8 Lakshmi (X D X R) 66/8 Madurai 39/12 Radhakrishnas 138. Raja Lakshmis 55/8 Ranga Vilas 4306 Trav Rayons 4/12 Vasanthas 100.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cements 60 E A C T S 6/3/6 Mettur Chem X D 8/12 Spencer 70/8.

Calcutta Share Bazar Steady

CALCUTTA, Aug. 26.

The market kept quiet but steady along with a limited turnover. Following are today's final transactions up to 2-30 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Loan 1986 99/9, Three per cent Loan 1949/52 101/1 S. Lot, Three per cent Loan 1951/54 102/12/6, Three per cent Loan 1953/55 102/13/6, Three per cent Loan 1957 102/10 S. Lot, Three per cent Loan 1959/61 102/1, Three per cent Loan 1966/68 100/7, Three per cent Loan 1970/75 100/11 S. Lot.

BANKS: Bengal Central Bank 10/1, Hindustan Commercial Bank 27/4 Reserve Bank 113.

COTTONS: New Victoria Ordy. 3/13.

COALS: Bhalgora 8/10, Bharat Colliery 7/6, Burrakur 19/8, Central India 6/14, Churulia 4/11, Equitable 38/12, Jainty Central 1/15, Standard 16/10, Talcher 4/12.

JUTES: Barnagore 275, Chitavalsah 23/8, Howrah 29/13, National 27/1.

MININGS: Burma Corpn. 3/2, Indian Copper 2/8, Karanpura Dev 30/10.

ENGINEERINGS: Britannia Eng 14/12 Cum Div., Indian Iron and Steel 25/15, Kumardhubi Eng. 9/5. Marshalls 6/14, Ste

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TWO WITNESSES GIVE EVIDENCE IN GANDHI MURDER TRIAL

Bombay Taxi Driver Narrates Story Of Drive With 3 Accused On January 17

NEW DELHI, Aug 26 (API): When the trial of Nathuram Godse and seven others in the Mahatma Gandhi murder case was resumed at Red Fort this morning a taxi driver of Bombay, Attappa Krishna Kotian, identified accused Nathuram Godse, Apte, Shanker and Badge as the persons who had travelled in his Taxi on January 17, 1948.

Attappa stated that he had been driving a taxi in Bombay for the last 12 years. Three of the persons who had travelled in his taxi as passengers on January 17, 1948 were sitting in the dock, he said.

Witness said he had taken his taxi to Bori Bunder (Victoria Terminus) where three passengers engaged his taxi. It was about 7-15 a.m. So far as witness remembered a train had arrived at that time from Poona.

Attappa pointed towards Nathuram Godse and Apte and said they were two of his passengers. Witness then identified approver Badge and said that he was the third passenger who boarded his taxi at Bori Bunder.

The three passengers then asked witness to take the taxi to their destination. They had one bedding with them.

DRIVE TO SHIVAJI PARK

Witness added that when he was going along Mohamed Ali Road he was asked by the passengers to take the taxi to Lalbagh. Witness took the taxi to the compound of the Bombay Union Dyeing Mill on the Government Gate Road at the direction by the passengers. The three passengers got down from the taxi there and went into the office of the Bombay Union Dyeing Mills. They came back after ten or fifteen minutes.

After this witness was asked by them to take them to Dadar. Witness stopped the taxi at Maruthi temple on Lady Jamshedjee Road. The three passengers then had a talk with a certain individual. One other person then got into the taxi there. Witness pointed towards Shanker and said that he was the man who got into the taxi there. Witness was then asked to take the taxi to Shivaji Park in Dadar. Witness started the taxi and took it along Ranade Road and drove to Shivaji Park. Witness stopped the taxi at the intersection of the second road of the south side of Shivaji Park. The four passengers got down from the taxi and so far he could see they went up to the second house from the corner of the road on witness' right side. They came back to the taxi in about five minutes' time.

DRIVE TO KURLA

He was then asked to take them to Hindu Colony, Dadar. When the taxi had reached the Ruia College they told him to go ahead as far as an Irani shop and go to a wadi. He took the taxi there. They entered a building and returned after fifteen minutes and asked him to take them to Kurla.

He drove the taxi to Kurla and stopped it near Dr. Patwardhan's dispensary. One more passenger got into the taxi there. They then proceeded along the Pipe Road till they had reached a hillock. The taxi was stopped there and four of the five persons went to the top of the hillock and returned after half an hour.

They then returned to the place where the fifth person had been picked up and he was dropped there.

GODSE AND A WOMAN

He (Apte) asked witness to take the taxi to Green Hotel, Marine Drive. When witness took the taxi there the passenger got down and entered the hotel. Shortly afterwards he came back to the taxi accompanied by a lady and a man (Nathuram Godse). Two handbags were brought by a coolie. All the three perrsons came together along with two handbags. Witness was then asked to take them to the Air India Office. The two men got down with the luggage at the Air India Office. They went up into the office. One of the passengers (Apte) then came back and asked witness to take him to Bori Bunder. The taxi was stopped near the municipal office. The lady got down there and Apte asked witness to take him to Bhuleshwar. Witness drove the taxi to Bhuleshwar where the passenger (Apte) got down. After some time Apte came back to the taxi along with other two passengers who had been left there on the first occasion.

VISIT TO DYEING MILLS

Witness then took the taxi to the Bombay Union Dyeing Mills in Lalbagh. Two passengers got down and went inside the office while one passenger (Shanker) rremaine din the taxi. After sometime the two persons came out of the office and called out their co-passenger sitting in the taxi and asked him to bring out the baggage. Apte then got into the taxi and asked witness to take him to the Air India Office. Witness dropped him at the Air India Office at about 12 noon. Witness pointed to Nathuram Godse and said that when they reached the Air India office he (Godse) was standing on the footpath in front of the Air India office. At that time the luggage was eing loaded into the taxi. Apte then had a talk with Godse whereafter he came back and sat down in the taxi. He asked witness to take him to Bombay Dyeing Mills in Lalbagh.

Witness added that while going towards Lalbagh Apte asked him as to how long it would take to reach Santa Cruz and that whether witness had sufficient petrol. Witness told him that Santa Cruz was at a distance of about 15 miles, that it would take about half an hour to reach there and that he had sufficient petrol. Apte got down at the Bombay Dyeing Mills and picked up two persons left behind. He then asked witness to drive him to Santa Cruz. Witness thought that he was asked to go to the Tata aerodrome so he drove the taxi to the Juhu aerodrome. Apte made enquiries there and came to know that Air India planes left from Kalina. Apte asked witness to drive fast. Apte got down at Santa Cruz and went into the building of the aerodrome. The other two passengers (Badge and Shanker) remained sitting in the Taxi. Badge then asked witness to take them to Kalina. Witness stopped the taxi at a place in Kalina where the bearded man got down and brought with him a young boy. Witness then took the taxi to a lane opposite the Bombay Animal Hospital where the young boy got down, went into a house and came back. Witness then took them back to Patwardhan's house. The three passengers got down there. Shanker took out the bedding from the taxi and asked witness about the fare. After examining the meter demanded Rs. 55, as 10 which was paid to him. At the request of Badge witness passed on a receipt. Witness had identified Nathuram Godse, Apte, Badge and Shanker at the identification parade.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Cross-examined by Mr. V. V. Oak, counsel for Nathuram Godse, Kotia said that he had been driving taxi for the last 12 years.

Mr. Oak: How do you remember that you drove these people on January 17?

Ans: My master and a member of the police asked me on February 9 whether I had driven taxi No. B M T 110 and whether I had received a large sum by way of fare. I referred to my diary and found it was on that day I had received a large sum. That is how I remember the date January 17.

Mr. Oak: Were you shown any of these persons on February 9.

Ans: No.

Cross-examined by counsel for Narayan Apte, Kotian said that only four passengers were allowed to be carried in a taxi. He was employed on a 20 per cent commission basis. The accounts were adjusted every day between him and his master before starting the work. The accounts were submitted to his master in respect of the total earnings made in a day. He did not remember the total earnings made on January 17 but he had noted it in his diary.

Q: On January 17 you got Rs. 55 as 10, from these people.

Ans: Yes.

Q: On that day did you earn any other big amount like that?

Ans: On January 17 I took three or four more fares afterwards. None of them was a large amount.

Q: Do you remember how much you received from the three or four fares on that day?

Ans: Now so many days have passed. I cannot say what sum I received without looking at the diary. The police took charge of the diary on February 9. His master, witness added, noted in a book the total mileage run by the taxi in a day and the total amount collected in a day. Witness was not signing that book. He generally did not issue receipts but if anybody asked for a receipt for the purpose of rendering account to someone else he used to give a receipt.

He had issued receipt for Rs. 55 as 10 in English.

He had fixed no stamp to the receipt.

The train from Nasik, witness stated, was reaching Bombay sometimes at 7-30 a.m. and sometimes at 8 a.m.

MEHTA'S CROSS-EXAMINATION

Cross-examined by Mr. Mehta counsel for Shanker Kistayya, Kotian said that he had picked up Shanker from the Maruthi temple. When the taxi stopped at Shivaji Park Shanker got down there and came back along with others. At Hindu Colony also Shanker got down along with other passengers and came back again.

Cross-examined by Mr. Inamdar witness said that on the last occasion when he went to Lalbagh he stayed there for four or five minutes. He parked the car near the verandah of the Bombay Union Dyeing Mills office, from where he picked up Shanker and Badge.

Q: For how long you have been wearing the Gandhi cap?

Judge: Do you want to put political questions to the witness (laughter).

Mr. Inamdar: No sir.

Witness: I have been wearing Gandhi cap for about 15 years.

Witness said that he did not note down various places he visited a day. Witness also did not note in his diary the number of passengers he carried a day.

BOMBAY M.L.A. EXAMINED

Ganpat Sambhaji Kharat, a Harijan member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, who was the next witness identified approver Digamber Badge and said that witness had been knowing him for the last one and a half years. Badge had a shop at Poona known as "Shastra Bhandar". Witness also knew one Nagmode and one Shelar. Some three weeks before the police recorded his statement Badge had come to witness's house to keep some articles there. Badge had brought two bundles with him. Witness did not see the contents of those bundles. One of the bundles was tied in gunny cloth and the other was a bag. Badge had come to his house at about nine p.m. Badge kept the bundles inside witness house and went away. Witness saw the bundles lying there but did not see the contents some time later the same evening Nagmode and Shelar came to his house and witness gave them one bundle each and told that they should keep those bundles with them till he asked for them. Witness knew Nagmode and Shelar for the last ten or twelve years. On February eight, continued witness, Badge accompanied by police came to witness house. At that time these two bundles were not there. Witness took the police to Nagmode and Shelar's houses. Witness was present when the police recovered the bundles. The bundles which were opened in the presence of the witness contained arms and ammunition.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dange, counsel for Apte and Karkare, Kharat said that that was the first time when Badge had left any articles with him.

He had not asked Badge the contents of the bag as he thought the bags might contain daggers.

He had not suspected that the bags contained arms and ammunition. He did not think there was any danger in keeping the articles.

He had not attested the 'panchnama'.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bhopatkar witness said that he could not remember whether the second bag left by Badge was a leather bag, but its colour was brown.

Mr. Bhopatkar: Did Badge take out the contents of the brown bag in your presence and show them to you.

Ans: No.

Witness said that he knew Mr. Limaye and N. G. Gore. They belonged to the Socialist Party.

Q: Do you know that Mr. Limaye and N. G. Gore were collecting arms and ammunition for some purpose?

Ans: No.

Q: Do you know that Badge was dealing in arms and ammunition?

Ans: No.

Witness said that he read in the newspapers about the bomb explosion incident at Delhi. He came to know that Badge had been arrested when the latter was brought to him by the police. Witness did not meet Badge during the period between the bomb explosion incident and the time when the police came to him with Badge. During this period the witness, however, went twice to Badge's place but Badge was not found there. Witness said that the bundles were neither opened by him nor by Nagmode and Shelar when they were handed over to them.

The Court adjourned till Monday August 30.

KHER INAUGURATES KASHMIR ART EMPORIUM

Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay inaugurated the Kashmir Art Emporium in Bombay on Wednesday.

Hyderabad Issue Figures In Parliament

SARDAR PATEL ON GUN-RUNNING EPISODE: DENIES ECONOMIC BLOCKADE

NEW DELHI, Aug. 26. (A.P.I.): The Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel replying to a number of questions on Indian states said most of the Indian states which had not joined one or other of the states unions had either granted responsible Government or had announced their intention of doing so

Replying to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa who asked whether it was a fact that European countries had been supplying arms and ammunition by aeroplane via Karachi to Hyderabad the Deputy Prime Minister said Government had no information that foreign countries as such were involved. Some foreigners might however be involved. but Government did not know to which countries they belonged.

Question: Do the Government know that apart from Sydney Cotton other foreigners had also been carrying arms to Hyderabad?

Ans: The Government have no knowledge about it. The Government had made all possible enquiries from their ambassadors and they had been informed that no foreign country as such was involved.

Question: Is the Deputy Prime Minister aware that Sydney Cotton carried treasurers from Hyderabad to Karachi and beyond?

Ans: It is very difficult for me to know what Sydney Cotton carried back from Hyderabad but we all know what Cotton carried to Hyderabad. He was carrying arms and ammunitions.

Question: Have Government any means of knowing it when aircraft fly over Indian territory to Hyderabad?

Ans: It is not in public interest to disclose this.

SOURCE NOT KNOWN

Question: What is the extent of Government's knowledge of this question of aircraft ferrying arms to Hyderabad—the place from which according to their information the thing originates. Is it from Karachi?

Answer: Of course from Karachi. Government do not know from which countries and by whom the arms are supplied. But they are all brought to Karachi. It is known to Government that they were flown from Karachi to Hyderabad.

Question: Have any representations been made to Pakistan Government on this point?

Ans: As the Hon. Member knows it is not much use making representations to the Pakistan Government.

His attention being drawn to the report from London that the British Government were enquiring as to whether a British plane had flown arms from France to Hyderabad, the Deputy Prime Minister said, whatever information Government had was passed on to the Indian High Commissioner in Britain for enquiries at his end.

Question: What steps are Government taking to stop this flight of arms from Karachi to Hyderabad

Ans: That information cannot be disclosed.

105 RAIDS

The Deputy Prime Minister informed Mr. H. V Kamath, that there had been 105 raids into the C.P. and Berar territory by Razakars and other goonda elements from Hyderabad territory involving the death of 28 persons and injury to 29 persons. The total estimated loss of property came to about rupees one lakh.

Asked how many Razakars had been arrested in this connection, the Deputy Prime Minister said he did not have the figures with him. But he would tell the house that they were not received as "friends". Almost every time these raids took place the Razakars were pursued into their territory.

Moulana Hazrat Mohani: Is it a fact that the Razakars had pursued people who had gone into Hyderabad territory first into the Indian Union?

Ans: That perhaps is the knowledge of the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. Mahabir Tyagi: Is it a fact that the Razakars are inspired by the Hyderabad Government?

Deputy Prime Minister: It is very difficult to say whether the Hyderabad State is inspired by the Razakars or the Razakars are inspired by the Hyderabad State. (laughter).

Mr. Kamath: Are Government aware that owing to the monsoon now prevailing, army patrols on the Hyderabad border require jeeps for their efficient functioning and that trucks won't do?

Sardar Patel: This is what has been supplied to them. We have not given them tongas (laughter). I shall draw the Hon'ble Member's intention to the attention of the Defence Department. (more laughter).

Mrs. Renuka Ray: Is there any member of the house who receives pension from the Hyderabad State?

Sardar Patel: I have no knowledge of that but if the house wants, I shall make enquiries.

Mr. Sidhwa: Will Government place the result of their enquiries before the house?

Sardar Patel: Yes, if the house wants, I shall place the information I get before the house.

NO BLOCKADE

Replying to another question by Mr. Kamath, the Deputy Prime Minister explained that it would be wrong to describe the measures adopted by Government against Hyderabad as economic blockade. What they had done was to ensure that arms and ammunition and other materials which might assist the war preparation of the State did not find their way into Hyderabad.

No statistics had been maintained of such arms and ammunition and other warlike equipment which had been seized while being smuggled into Hyderabad. It would not be in the public interest to disclose all the measures adopted by Government to prevent such smuggling.

ARREST OF RAABS

Mr. Kamath asked whether Government had ordered the deportation of Aircraft Designer and Builder Antonius Raab, Technical Adviser to the Baroda Government, and his wife from the country and whether, notwithstanding a stay order granted by the Privy Council, the Raabs were arrested on July 5, 1948 by the Baroda Government acting under the orders of the Government of India and handed over to the Bombay Police for detention in a Bombay jail pending arrangements for their deportation?

The Deputy Prime Minister said Raab and his wife had been ordered to be deported. Before the stay order of the Privy Council could be executed they had been surrendered in pursuance of the order of the Baroda High Court.

Mr. Kamath: Is it a fact that Antonius Raab put up an aircraft factory at Baroda almost from scratch and produced two gliders within almost record time when there were not arrangements in India for the manufacture of gliders and aircraft?

The Deputy Prime Minister said Raab had put up some sort of a factory.

Question: Under what law was Raab and his wife ordered to be deported?

The Speaker: I understand there is an application pending in the Bombay High Court. The question is not permissible as the matter is still 'sub judice.'

HE CAME FROM GERMANY

Q: From which country and when did Raab come to India?

Ans: He came from Germany. It was during the war.

Question: Is it a fact that Hitler had deprived Raab of his citizenship and that he managed to come to India after Crete. Is it a fact that the then Government of India served an order on Raab that the Foreigners Ordinance of 1939 would apply to him?

The Deputy Prime Minister: I do not know.

The Deputy Prime Minister explained that some one who was interested in Raab had filed a 'Habeas Corpus' application and it was still pending.

Q: What is the date on which the order of deportation was issued in respect of Raab?

Deputy Prime Minister: We have not issued any order. The order was issued by the previous Government of India in 1946.

Q: Is it a fact that the Maharaja of Baroda conferred citizenship on Raab and his wife?

Speaker: I do not propose to allow that question.

QUESTION OF ABOLITION OF TITLES.

The Home Minister, Sardar Patel replying to Mr. Shibban Lal Saksena who asked for information pertaining to officers who held titles conferred by the British India Government and whether Government proposed to abolish those titles said that Government had not considered this matter and did not think it necessary to do so till the new constitution had been finalised.

KARNATAK MUSIC ACADEMY.

Replying to Mr. R. R. Diwakar, the Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad said that the Karnatak Music Academy would develop into an independent University. The Provisional Council of the Central College of Karnatak Music had recommended that the Academy might develop on its own lines, not insisting on academic qualifications and that it might develop its own standards without affiliation to any university. The Government of India agreed with this view. The Education Minister also disclosed that the Academy would be situated at Madras where a site had been acquired for the purpose by the Madras Government.

ACCOUNTS OF EVACUEE-ASSESSEES.

Mr. Neogy, Finance Minister, told Mr. Sidhwa that at the recent Inter-Dominion Conference it was decided that pending further discussion, ex parte income tax assessments be postponed for a further period of one month. The provinces which would be affected by this arrangement were West Punjab, North-West Frontier Province, East Punjab and Delhi. Two proposals were now under consideration. Firstly that the Government of Pakistan should send their officers to two or three important places in India to examine the accounts of evacuee assessees, to give them the usual hearings, and to examine evidence etc. for completing their assessments or secondly that the assessments of such evacuees should be concentrated at Lahore and Karachi and notice in regard to them should be served on the High Commissioner who would thereupon arrange for the handling of such cases in consultation with the evacuee concerned. Action was being taken in respect of Sind and Baluchistan also.

Travel Service Improvement

Surprise Inspection Plan Of Central Railway Advisory Board

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Aug. 26

According to the latest decision Members of Central Advisory Council for Railways will function as visitors to railways on whose local Advisory Committee they are nominated as representatives of the Council. They will make surprise visits to stations within the jurisdiction of the Local Advisory Committee with a view to acquiring first-hand knowledge of current railway problems. During these inspections members will concentrate on aspects of railway working connected with services to the public, which will include the issue of tickets and ticket checking, catering, water supply, passenger facilities on station platforms, waiting rooms etc., facilities aailable to the public for obtaining information regarding train timings and facilities available for the booking and delivery of goods. To enable members to undertake these inspections, they will be provided with First Class pass over the railway concerned.

To avoid any interference with general discipline amongst the staff on the railway, the following procedure will be followed: Members will not discuss complaints or problems with the staff concerned. If they want any factual information they will obtain the same from the Station Master or Assistant Station Master of the station, who may be on duty at the time. They will not entertain any complaint from the staff. They will not actually participate in ticket checking, this does not, however, preclude their observation of methods adopted at the station in this matter. When any complaint is noticed by them or brought to their notice during their inspections, they will enter the same in a complaint book which is kept at the station. At the conclusion of the tour they will send a full report on each station inspected together with their observations to the General Manager who will take necessary action.

Anti-Bigamy Bill In Madras Assembly

MADRAS, Aug. 26 (API): Transacting non-official business, the Madras Assembly today passed the second reading of the Bill prohibiting bigamous marriages among Hindus in the Province.

The Bill, which is sponsored by Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao, Andhra Congress leader, confers the right of divorce for reasons of desertion, habitual illtreatment and conversion to another religion.

An amendment that proceedings of Divorce Courts should be held "in camera" was accepted by the House.

Another amendment moved by the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. K. Madhava Menon that the Bill should be made applicable to the Nambudri community of Malabar was also accepted.

The bill is expected to be passed into law on the next non-official day.

The Assembly adjourned till September

Rajen Babu To Preside Over A. I. N. T. U. C.

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Aug. 25.

It is reliably learnt that the Congress President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, has consented to preside over the annual session of the All-India National Trade Union Congress, to be held at Ahmedabad in October. Many all India leaders are likely to attend, also, Sardar Patel provided his health permits.

OLD WOMAN FORCED OUT OF HER BERTH

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE (By Mail): An unpleasant and painful scene was witnessed on the night of Monday last when the 70-year-old mother of a prominent educationist of Jubbulpore, who was travelling from Jubbulpore to Allahabad by the Bombay-Allahabad Express and was occupying the lower berth in a second class compartment, was forced to vacate her seat and quit the compartment in favour of a veteran Congress leader who was also travelling by the same train with his family and was proceeding to Delhi to attend the session of the Constituent Assembly.

The railway staff on duty could not help the aged lady as they were not prepared to incur the displeasure of the Consembly Member. The poor lady was compelled to occupy a seat in an adjoining first class compartment and pay the difference in fare.

It is worth mentioning that whenever this Consembly Member travels by train he overawes the railway employees on duty, extracts favours and services from them under the threat to getting them dismissed if they failed to attend on him

Ban On Trading In Jute Futures

CALCUTTA, Aug. 26. (API.) The Governor of West Bengal today promulgated an ordinance empowering the Provincial Government to prohibit by notification in the Gazette, trading in raw jute futures.

Contravention of the provisions of the ordinance will on conviction be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to Rs. 1,000, or with both. Offences punishable under this ordinance will be cognisable and non-hellable, and will not be triable by any magistrate other than a Presidency Magistrate.

MUTT AND JEFF—And So Mutt Simply Had To Call The Wagon

By BUD FISHER

MUTT, I'LL DO SOMETHING AND YOU SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS WHAT I'M DOING!
NOW --- WHAT AM I DOING?
NOTHING!
YES I AM!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M GOING UPSTAIRS!
- BUT YOU'RE NOT MOVING!
I KNOW - I'M ON AN ELEVATOR!
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